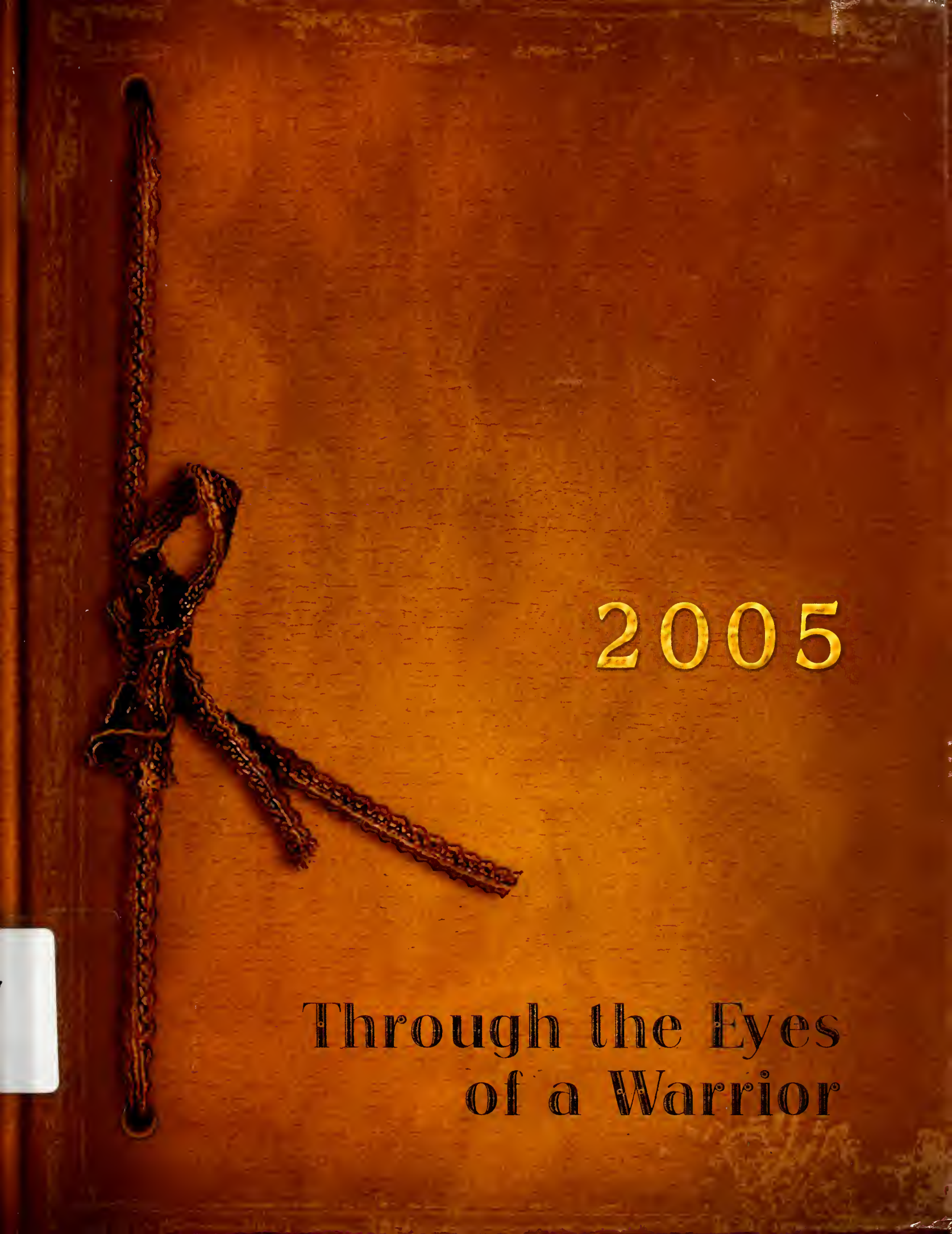
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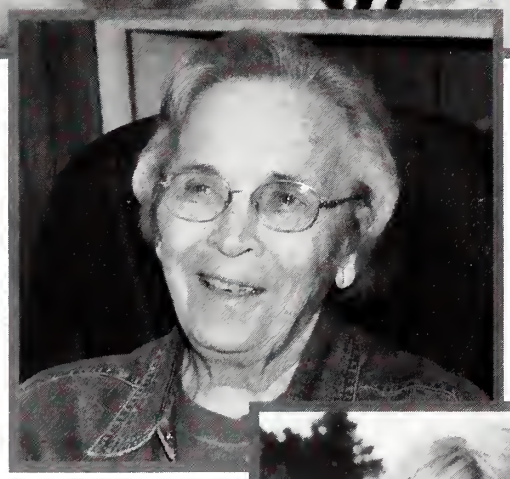

Through the Eyes of a Warrior

Wo-he-lo 2005

East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi

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With strong voices and enthusiastic smiles, Courtney Jo Hollingsworth and Kristin Bufkin join the EC Warrior to fire up the crowd at a football pep rally. Student Life showcases pep rallies and other events that enrich the academic routine at East Central.

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Beautiful Amy Ealy enjoys the honor of being chosen by the sophomore class as a maid in the 2004 Homecoming Court. Amy is escorted down Warrior Field by Todd Body. The Honors section is devoted to students and faculty who have earned special distinction at East Central.

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A break from classes and studying is always nice. Tara Rogers relaxes and listens as Sam Mingo plays his guitar. Students like these - as well as faculty, staff, and administrators - are truly the heart of East Central, and the People section focuses on them and the variety they add to campus life.

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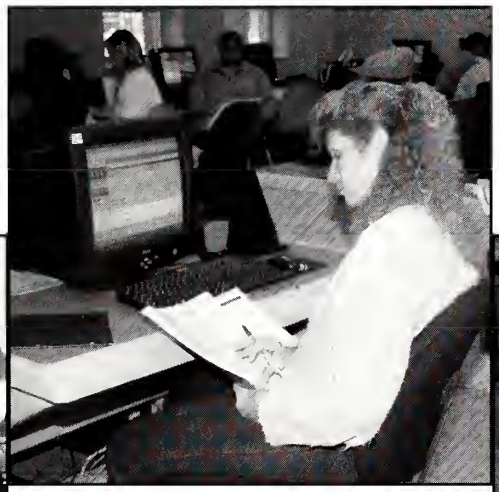
The strong play of Ryan Loper and Keith Watts adds to the band's halftime performance. Organizations presents groups that offer students opportunities to perform, worship, lead, and work toward common goals.



A student in EC's business technology program, Lori Horton works hard to complete her assignment. Learning is the name of the game at East Central; the Programs section covers the learning that goes on day to day inside classrooms all over campus.

A step ahead of her Southwest CC opponent, Lady Warrior Tierra Young drives downcourt to set up a score. College life would be incomplete with out sports and all they have to offer. Sports highlights the young men and women who represent EC on the court and on the playing field.

Through the Eyes of a Warrior

George Eliot wrote, "Perspective . . . is a beautiful thing." This 19th century author recognized that the proper perspective can make a real difference as one experiences life and that each person's unique outlook has great value.

These principles are true today. East Central Community College is made up of varied individuals, each with his or her own way of seeing things. And though different, the people on this campus are connected with a common bond - they are all Warriors. Their individual and collective perspectives are the focus of the 2005 yearbook.

East Central means something different to everyone. To a student fresh out of high school, this college most likely means freedom. To a nontraditional student, it might represent a second chance. Teachers see the future in the faces of their students, while alumni see their past as they gaze upon the campus, possibly remembering their own younger days. These varied outlooks are truly "beautiful."

However, perspectives of East Central will change with time. Young freshmen become more mature sophomores who eventually move on. Teachers watch as one class of students moves in to replace the last, each with its own set of likes and dislikes guiding how it views the world around it. Administrators provide leadership that is both steady and open-minded as they guide the school through the changes that come with time.

Since outlooks do change over time, the 2005 Wo-He-Lo seeks to capture the perspectives of the EC family while presenting the events, people, and changes they saw this school year. And years from now, today's Warriors can look at these pages and remember what it was like to see life . . . "Through the Eyes of a Warrior."

~ Even Snell and Anna Waltman

In 2004-2005, East Central was the site of both commonplace and unusual events. So what did the Warriors see this year?

Ken Gordon makes contact for a base hit during an early season game. Throughout the year, athletic events are a common pastime at East Central.

However, seeing a snake is not so common. A brave Warrior cheerleader handles a snake as band members shy away.

Warriors saw... the development of a new mall area

During the the early stages of the mall construction, students and faculty watched bulldozers, tractors, and backhoes in action.

Less than a month later, trucks rolled in to pour concrete and create a truly functional area for Warriors to enjoy.

By late fall, landscaping and lighting had been added, and East Central's beautiful new mall area was complete.

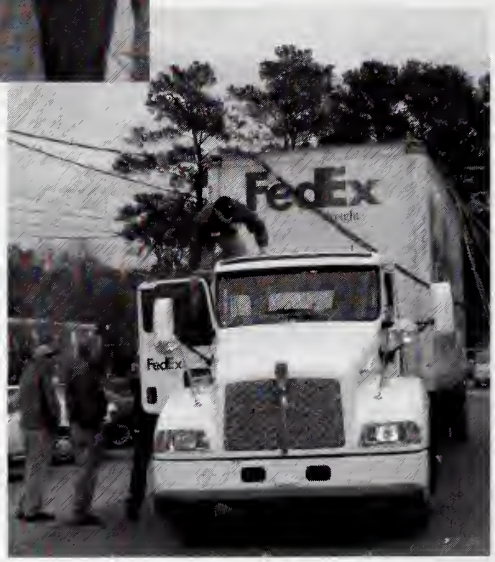
They also saw...

On-Stage drama . . .

In the spring 2004 production of *Oklahoma!,* Daniel Thomas steers clear of Steven Thomas as he flashes his pistol.

A car fire interjects a little excitement into an otherwise routine day on campus.

. . . and real-life drama



A real-life drama was played out on campus when the Federal Express driver was trapped in his truck for over an hour after it pulled down power lines. Here, the driver finally climbs to safety. Students were not only glad that the driver was safe; they also enjoyed the afternoon off that the power outage gave them.

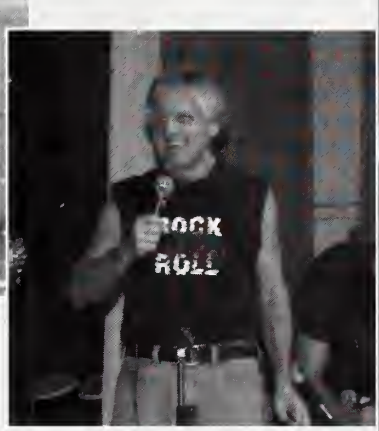
Serious study . . .

Taking the time to proofread well, AntoniaTorres, Erica Harris, and Dianne Morrison work on turning their rough drafts into well-written final papers.

...and not-so-serious time with friends

The library is close by, but these students find that hanging with their friends is much more fun. Portia Holifield, Jackie Riddle, Nicole Moppins, Mark Gray, George Madison, Mekaela Derrick, William Davis, and Cheaquandrea Evans get together for some conversation between classes.

Athletes in action . . .



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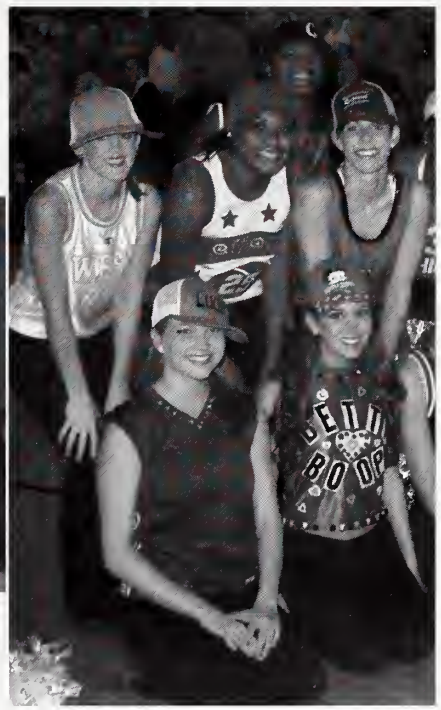


. . . and Crazy characters

Left to right: With the snap of a wrist, Joy Cavenaugh pitches the ball to home plate. At a Collegians concert, Mr. Tom Carson entertains the audience with some "Old Time Rock and Roll." Dressed in caps and decorated jerseys, Centralettes Morgan Richards, Misty Mayes, Jana Sansing, Sherrell Brown, Lindsay Sessions, and Amy Ealy gather together for a picture after a performance at Haunted House of Hoops.

They witnessed campus events . . . .

Mall construction
WELCOME BACK WEEK
Ultimate Road Trip
BSU Messy Games
college fest
Intramural sports
Dinner theater
Beauty Review
Final Exams
House of Hoops
bonfire pep rally
Concerts
Hypnotist show
YEARBOOK PHOTOS
Hurricane Ivan--no class!
HOMECOMING VICTORY
spring spree
Graduation

Every November, East Central holds one of the most popular campus events - the annual beauty review in Huff Auditorium. Beauties are chosen by a panel of judges, with one girl being named Most Beautiful. They are joined by beaus, including Most Handsome, who have been previously selected by their classmates. Haley Harris, a top-ten beauty, flashes a lovely smile as she parades across the stage.

East Central consistently provides opportunities for its students to prepare for the future. One such event is the yearly College Fest, which gives students the chance to learn about educational possibilities after they leave EC. Cedric Gray gets valuable information from the USM representative.

The events of Welcome Back Week are always fun for students, and nothing entertains them more than the hypnotist show. The audience rolls with laughter at each new task those are asked to perform. The pile of bodies on the stage floor proves that the hypnotist really has these students under his control.

and current events . . .

all through the eyes of a Warrior.

On January 30, 2005, the people of Iraq held their country's first elections in more than 50 years. The elections marked the beginning of a process that will lead to the drafting of a new constitution and the election of a democratic constitutional government. This woman shows the victory sign after leaving voting for the first time in her life.

The world's most power-ful earthquake in more than 40 years struck deep under the Indian Ocean on December 26, triggering massive tsunamis that devastated cities, seaside communities and holiday resorts, killing over 150,000 people in a dozen countries. This photo was taken hours after the tidal waves hit in the early morning Sunday.

George W. Bush won a second term against Democratic challenger John Kerry in November 2004. Here President Bush walks to the podium with British Prime Minister Tony Blair prior to delivering remarks at a NATO Summit in Belgium.

Bush re-elected

BRAD AND JEN SPLIT

Low-carb craze

Charles and Camilla to wed

same-sex marriage

Martha Stewart convicted

Condi Rice

Reality TV

Iraqi Elections

Reagan dies

Asian Tsunami

Terri Schiavo

corporate greed

HURRICANES

Pats win Super Bowl

MICHAEL JACKSON TRIAL

red / blue states

Peterson convicted

Visiting friends in the cafeteria. Solving equations in algebra class. Enjoying an afternoon nap in one's dorm room. These are only a few of the daily activities in which the average EC student might participate. However, student life at East Central is much more than average. Throughout the year, students can cheer at pep rallies, run for homecoming court, or enjoy a student play or concert. They can don their best as contestants in East Central's annual beauty review or deck themselves in wild or scary

Student Life

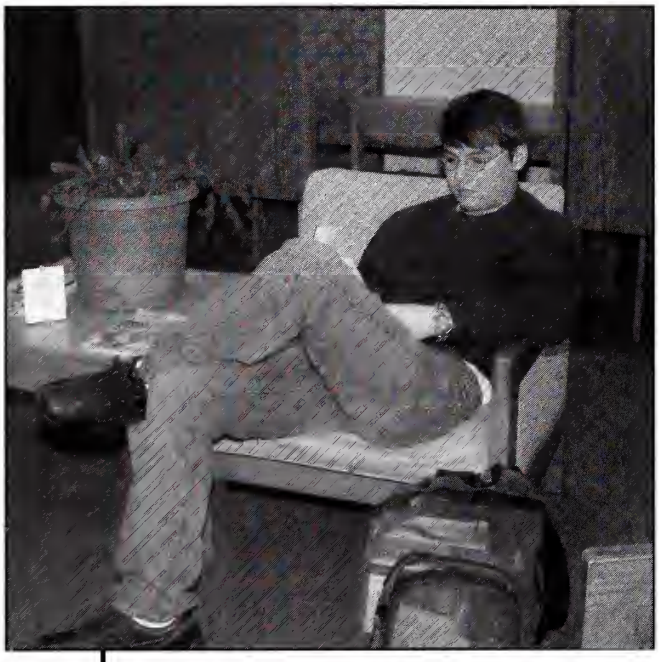
The Haunted House of Hoops brought out some strange and unique characters. Daphanie Hatcher, Sharli Moulds, Ashley Clark, Kristin Taylor, and Kurt Nelson join the EC Warrior in welcoming guests to the annual event.

costumes for Haunted House of Hoops. From Welcome Back Week activities to the spirited games of Spring Spree, student life at East Central lets students break out of the sameness of the academic routine. And as they take advantage of these out-of-the- ordinary opportunities, students can be assured that they are making memories that will last long after their days here are over.

~ Flame Reese

A day in the Life . . .

Finally finding a parking place, commuter Monica Smith hears the bell toll the hour, and knows she only has a few seconds to gather her things and get to class.



The library is just the place to find the perfect spot to read. Brandon Pope enjoys the comfort of a library chair as he tackles *The Sun Also Rises.*

My name is Anna Waltman, and at the bottom of this page, there is a timeline of a routine day in my life. Before getting upset that I'm the editor of the yearbook and I picked myself as the subject of this spread, let me explain myself. This spread is to examine the average life of an EC student to see how much we are alike and/or different. Sure, I could have gone out and found other students, interviewed them about their lives, and written an aritcle about people I don't really know. But that would have been a lot of work. I'm just like most other average students; I like the easy way out, too. I realize that my schedule is completely different than other students' schedules, but when examined they probably have many similarities. Let's start when I wake up around 7:00. I figure that's a pretty average time. Since I commute, I always have to search for a parking place. Every EC student, even those who live on campus, have all had to do the same. I usually grab lunch around 12:30, then go to work on the yearbook. Many EC students also belong to organizations, with most of the activities taking place in the afternoons. Although it is a foreign place to some students, many others actually utilize Burton library to research information or spend time studying quietly. For students like me who take online courses, school does not end after leaving campus. I have to log on to the virtual community college at home to check my assignments. Later on, I finally finish my essay for my literature class around 11:30 p.m. I've known about this assignment for about a week, but like many other students, I'm guilty of procrastinating too. So that's it...my typical day. Though it varies from some of the other students' days, by looking closely, we can see that our lives as students are a lot more alike than we may think!

A normal day's timeline.

7:00 A.M. Alarm clock rings, but I hit the snooze button for 10 more minutes of rest.

8:42 A.M. Arrive in Decatur, and search for a parking place. I end up across the street at the church.

12:35 P.M. After classes and before going to work on the yearbook, I run to Spanky's to grab lunch.

Continuing her classes at home, Anna Waltman logs on to her online government class to take a quiz on the Constitution.

No college student can escape writing papers. Natasha Cooley, Omar Ducksworth, Willean Goss, and Willie Hernandez focus on the task at hand, a research project about the Harlem Renaissance.

Pizza is the typical college student's fuel to keep them going for those afternoon classes. Lando Blaylock and Lance Earnest enjoy lunch in the grill before they take off for their next class.

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." These students find time to relax between classes and studies by playing a friendly game of hackysack. Allie Mitchell shows Shaun Aultman and Andrew Kirkland her fancy footwork.

2:19 P.M. Stopped by the library to get an article for my sociology class.

7:55 P.M. Finished supper. Now I have to log on to my online class and take a quiz. Still in school, and it's almost 8:00!!

11:25 P.M. Just finished writing my paper on Beowulf. Got to get some sleep and do it all again tomorrow!

Welcome Back

EC Style

"What your mind conceives, your body achieves." These words rang true as Colonel Ed Wallington demonstrated to a captivated audience the power of hypnosis.

The hypnotist show was the highlight of Welcome Back Week, an annual event sponsored by Student Services to help students get into the swing of campus life at East Central.

It began on Monday night with a motivational speaker who took students on the "Ultimate Road Trip" to get them fired up about the futures. On Tuesday, students danced the night away at the annual dance at the south campus gym.

The famous hypnotist show was next. An auditorium full of anxious students, faculty, and staff watched in amazement as Colonel Wallington turned onions into apples and had students fighting over invisible money.

Volunteers danced, shed their clothes as "heat" overcame them, and threatened fellow students with chainsaws. Their bodies clearly "achieved" what Colonel Wallington had convinced their minds to "conceive."

On Thursday, hungry students gathered at the pavilion to eat P. Brown's famous barbeque and listen to the EC Rockers. They also met EC's sports teams and enjoyed the first pep rally of the year.

By the end of the week, both the newly arriving freshmen and the returning sophomores had settled comfortably into life at East Central. The EC-style welcome back helped students begin the year well, enabling them to see more clearly what it means to be part of this college.

~ Flame Reese

Considering the intensity on Kurt Nelson's face, students on stage during the hypnotist show have to be thankful that he doesn't have a real chain saw in his hands.

Terrence McNichols, Lindsey Smith, Joy Cavenaugh, and Patrick Leone take part in a demonstration during the Ultimate Road Trip to encourage freshman involvment on campus.

Members of the EC Rockers, guitarist Tom Carson and drummer Darrel Dean entertain students at the Welcome Back Week picnic.

Golden delicious...onions? Misty Mayes, Daphanie Hatcher, and Tim Geter, under hypnosis, bite into onions thinking they are ripe, juicy apples.

Grace in Motion

The hypnotist has T. J. Rushing convinced that he is a graceful ballerina, though the form of his attempted leap tells the audience otherwise.

SAFE! At the BSU water games, Amy Kennedy, Lee Anne Rawson, Valerie Gibbs, Eric Latham, and Andrea Jay make it safely to one of the "bases" during the messy baseball game.

Living on Campus

Gotta love it!

A sea of black and gold t-shirts, Spanky's pizza boxes, and the not-so-wonderful smell of last night's chicken left on the George Foreman grill is a quick glimpse of the average boy's dorm. Some roommates, though best friends, may be complete opposites. While one jumps right into bed at night, the other must move piles of clothes, papers, and empty coke bottles just to find the mattress. One's motto is "early to bed," while the other interprets that as getting to bed at 3 A.M. But it does not bother them, because living in an EC dorm gives the boys that small taste of independence that they crave.

> *"Living in Winston Hall has been fun. I've met a lot of people, and it's great being so close to my classes."*
>
> -Caleb Shepherd

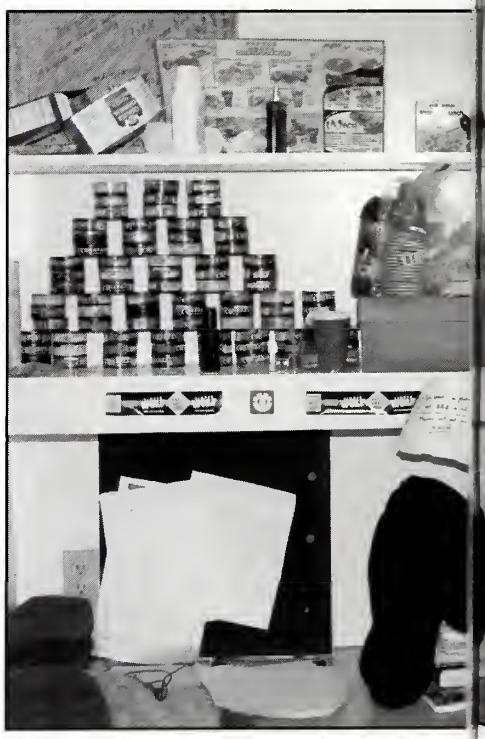
On the flip side, EC has the girls living in Barber and Jackson Halls. The comforters on the beds are color coordinated, and the closets are arranged neatly with the shoes stacked according to season. The only complaint these girls have is that their roommates spend too much time getting dressed in the shared bathroom.

Although there is occasional griping and complaining, the majority of EC's dorm students are happy to stay on campus and would not have it any other way.

~Maria Gusman

Enjoying the warm weather, Donovan Cooksey, Carlos May, Jake McRaney, Jeremy Clark, Kevin Brown, and Clay Reynolds hang out outside Winston Hall.

After cleaning her room, Tina Finderson gets ready for a night out with friends.



To pass the time, Clay Reynolds demonstrates his guitar skills to Kevin Brown and Caleb Shepherd.

The hallways of Jackson Hall are a great place to hang out. Before leaving for the weekend, Portia Holifield, Mekaela Derrick, Keisha Bobbit, Tina Finderson, and Nicole Moppins pause for a picture at the exit.

Meagan Mills, JoAnna Doughtery, Beth Faulkner, and Deidre Coleman smile as they are caught taking a break from their late night study session.

Who needs books? Pizza and video games are all that Donovan Cooksey and Jake McRaney need to stay occupied in Winston Hall.

Did you know...

More boys live on campus at EC than girls. About 60% of the dorm population is male, while 40% is female.

Top to bottom:
~ Escorted by Lando Blaylock, Shay Moncrief is lovely as 2004 Maid of Honor..
~ Always the gentleman, Austin Bonds shields sophomore maid Lindsey Clanton from the rain, greatly impressing freshman maid Clancy Cleveland.
~ The crowning of the queen is the highlight of halftime. Dr. Phil Sutphin places the crown on the head of Shelly Ferguson. Escort Joseph Cavenaugh and 2003 Homecoming Queen Renee Thompson share the moment.
~ Homecoming is a family affair for Shay Moncrief. Rain doesn't prevent members of her family from enjoying the day with her.

Corey Logan digs in and stuffs his face at the pie eating contest faster than Megan Williamson, Jennifer Key, and Lindsey Alexander.

Football players can mov
well on and off the field
Proving this, Courtne
Coleman and Ivan Hickma
cut loose at the pep rally.

A "Reign-y" Day

With fingers crossed and hopes high, the 2004 Homecoming Court patiently waited for their time to come, praying for the rain to procrastinate on its efforts to spoil their day.

Unfortunately, the rain did come, but this did not discourage East Central's elegantly dressed Homecoming Court. They had the rare opportunity to enjoy two presentations, one in the gym and that much desired walk down Warrior Field.

The football team, who "would be ready to play - rain, sleet, or snow," according to football player Josh Moore, went on to Warrior victory over Co-Lin and never thought twice about the rain.

But the successes of the day would not have been possible without the support of the fans and all the activities that took place during the week.

Despite their 10:30 curfew on Thursday night and the threats of the coaching staff, the entire football team joined fellow EC students at the homecoming dance.

Friday night's bonfire pep rally hyped the boys up and gave them the confidence that the student body was behind them all the way.

Colorful signs made by various student organizations boldly proclaimed "EC Soars in 2004." Enthusiastic support from returning alumni made the day complete.

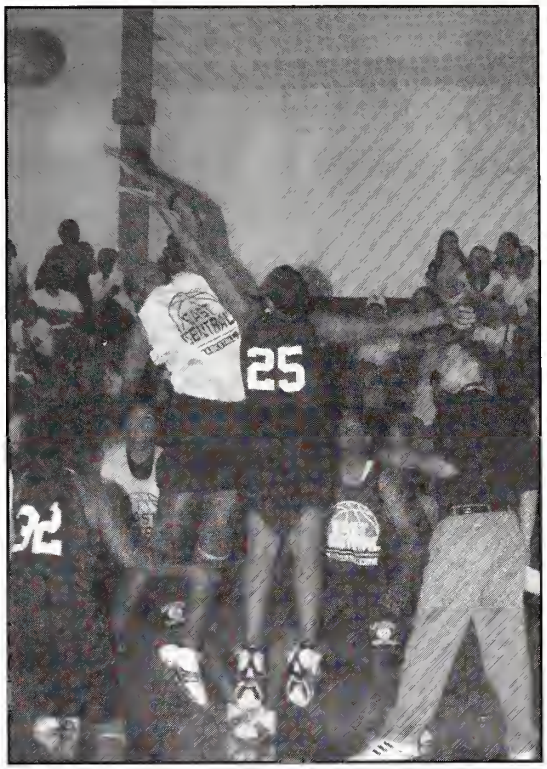
Homecoming 2004 was a rainy day that became a very successful "reign-y" day at East Central.

~ Maria Gusman

A bonfire pep rally is a tradition at East Central. Thomas Johnson and Joseph Leblanc play a steady beat as they march around the flames.

With Derrick Harris a step ahead to offer a block when needed, Chris Harris begins a successful kick-off return.

The Native American Club's color portrayal of the 2004 theme won top honors in the annual sign competition.



In the ladies' intrasquad game, Shannon Lloyd jumps just a little higher than India Backstrom and gets the opening tip-off to her teammate.

This black and white photo simply can't capture the colorful costumes of a blue-faced "Braveheart" (Josh Miller) and a masked mystery man (Cody Savell).

Jacques Jones flies high during the annual dunking exhibition. Nice slam, Jacques!

Wait - don't these girls play softball? Lauren White, Lindsey Smith, and April Boyd disguise themselves in basketball uniforms and black and gold face paint, making it hard to tell.

Meow! Julie DeBord displays a cheshire cat smile to go along with her costume.

Providing rhythm for the night, Lee Dooley and Josh Swindle make some moves and some noise with their cymbals.

Fright Night

Mackie Smith, daughter of coach Bill Smith and EC instructor Susan Fox-Smith, and Ashlyn Doss, daughter of coach Jake Yarborough and his wife Kim, get into the spirit of the night.

Decked out in costumes ranging from plump pumpkins to wicked witches, a crowd of students, faculty, and members of the community gathered at the Bracken-Wood gymnasium in late October to recognize the basketball teams at East Central's annual Haunted House of Hoops. Organized by Student Services, the event encouraged students to show their support of EC's basketball teams as they demonstrated their skills in intrasquad games and a dunking contest. The players weren't the only ones with their eyes on the basket, though. Two East Central students were picked from a drawing of all who wore costumes to have their chance at a three-point shot. The prize for making it? Their spring tuition paid in full. Unfortunately, neither student made the shot. Consolation prize? They enjoyed a night of spirit led by the cheerleaders and band, watched some good basketball, and joined the rest of the crowd for delicious hot wings after the game. "Fright Night" was actually a "fun night" for those who attended.

~ Anna Waltman

Drop Dead Gorgeous

East Central Beauty Review
November 2, 2004

The judges certainly did not have an easy time at East Central Community College's 2004 Beauty Review, as twenty-five gorgeous young women vied for the title of Most Beautiful.

Every contestant seemed poised and confident as she walked the runway that night, and each one presented herself well. The choice had to be made, however, and freshman Kristin Bufkin walked away with top honors.

The parade of beauties was not the only thing that the full house at Huff Auditorium enjoyed. The young ladies were joined by five handsome beaus, including Most Handsome Jacob Lowery, who had been chosen earlier by the student body. Also, Ac'cents, always a crowd pleaser, performed beautifully at the annual pageant.

With drop dead gorgeous ladies and oh-so-handsome men, the night was a definite success.

~ *Anna Waltman*

TOP TEN BEAUTIES: Reagan Melton, Misty Mayes, Megan Jones, Haley Harris, Most Beautiful Kristin Bufkin, Julie DeBord, Niki Torrence, Lindsey Walker, Aly Burton, and Jennifer Johnson

Most Beautiful

Kristin Bufkin

Newton County

Megan Jones
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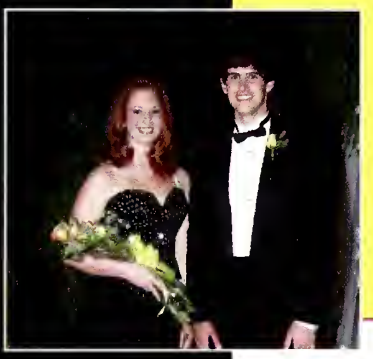

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Kurt Nelson
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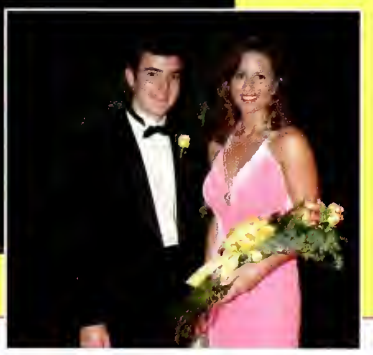

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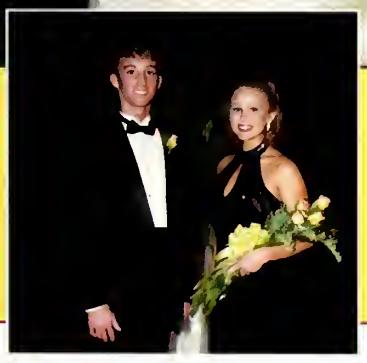

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Newton County

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Kurt Nelson
Jacob Lowery
Kyle Gordon
Carl Spence

Oh So Handsome!

Dr. Phil Sutphin crowns East Central's Most Beautiful, Kristin Bufkin, escorted by Jacob Lowery, Most Handsome.

Most Handsome
Jacob Lowery

Kristin Bufkin gets help putting on the finishing touches before going out on stage

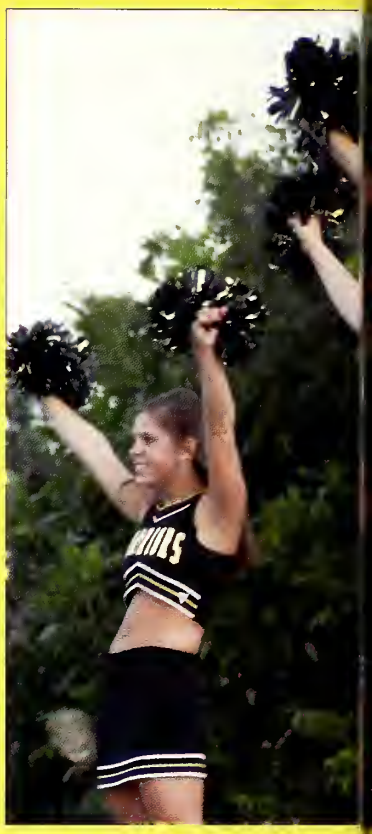
Haley Harris nervously awaits her turn to take the stage. She had nothing to worry about, though, as she landed a spot in the top ten beauties.

Misty Mayes and Lindsey Clanton enjoy a laugh backstage to ease the tension of their wait.

Ac'cents keeps the audience entertained while the judges make their decision. Shown singing here are Grant Comans, Luke Howell, JoAnna Daughtery, and Cassidy Crenshaw.

The jokes of Mr. Joe Killens keep Danielle Barrett and Julie DeBord amused. Danielle's moral support helped Julie to a top ten finish.

Got Spirit?



Got spirit? That question was easy to answer in 2004-2005 at East Central. As game days approached, students gathered at activity period to show their full support of the Warriors, and EC pride was always high.

Carefully planned by the cheerleaders, pep rallies were an innovative mixture of spirit-raising activities. The cheerleaders got the crowd into gear with enthusiastic chants and incredible gymnastics skills. Games that enabled the cheerleaders, team players, band members and Centralettes to engage in exciting, yet friendly competition also kept Warrior spirits lifted.

No EC pep rally was complete without the Wall-of-Sound band. Band music echoed all across campus, drawing large crowds to join in encouraging the team. The Centralettes, performing in their sleek black outfits, added a certain flair to each rally.

Warrior fans heard encouraging words from Dr. Phil Sutphin, Coach Terry Underwood, and a variety of EC players. Pep rallies ended with the traditional huddle of players, giving them momentum going into the games.

So do the Warriors got spirit? No question about it!

~Anna Waltman

And They're Off!

Football players Toney Edison and Prentiss Vivians jump out to an early lead in the three-legged race, but the Centralette team of Shelly Ferguson and Shay Moncrief give them some stiff competition, as the band duo of Shelby Anderson and Joseph LeBlanc tries to gain momentum. At each pep rally, similar contests added a little extra enthusiasm to the already exciting events.

Let's hear it!

Go Warriors!!

Megan Jones, Casey Nelson, and Kristin Bufkin lead the crowd as they are lifted high by their partners.

Giving Our All

With head football coach Terry Underwood in agreement, Bryan McNair assures the crowd that the team is ready to play and give their best in the upcoming game.

Young Warriors

The children of East Central's daycare program greet the EC Warrior with smiles. The children were faithful participants at pep rallies.

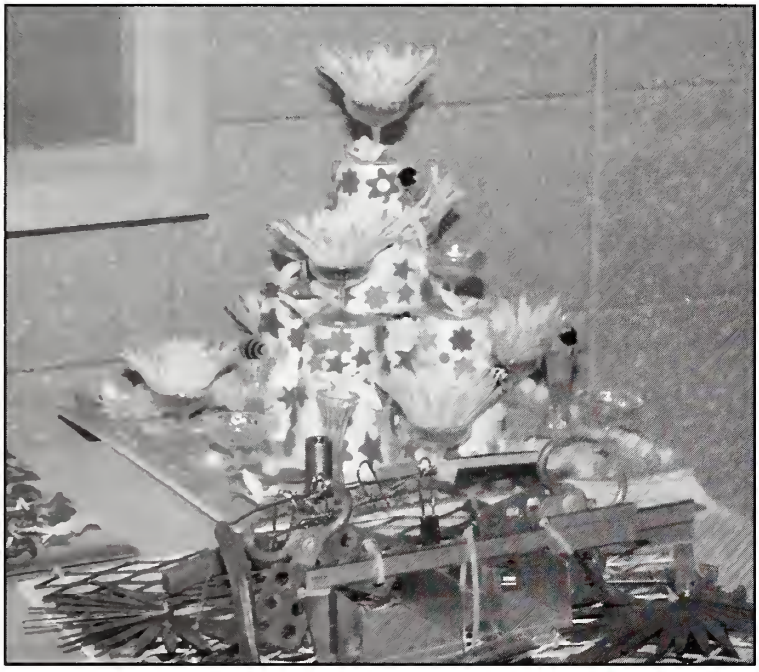
Centralettes

In perfect sync, Shay Moncrief, Jess Davis, Morgan Richards, and the rest of the Centralettes perform at a fall pep rally.

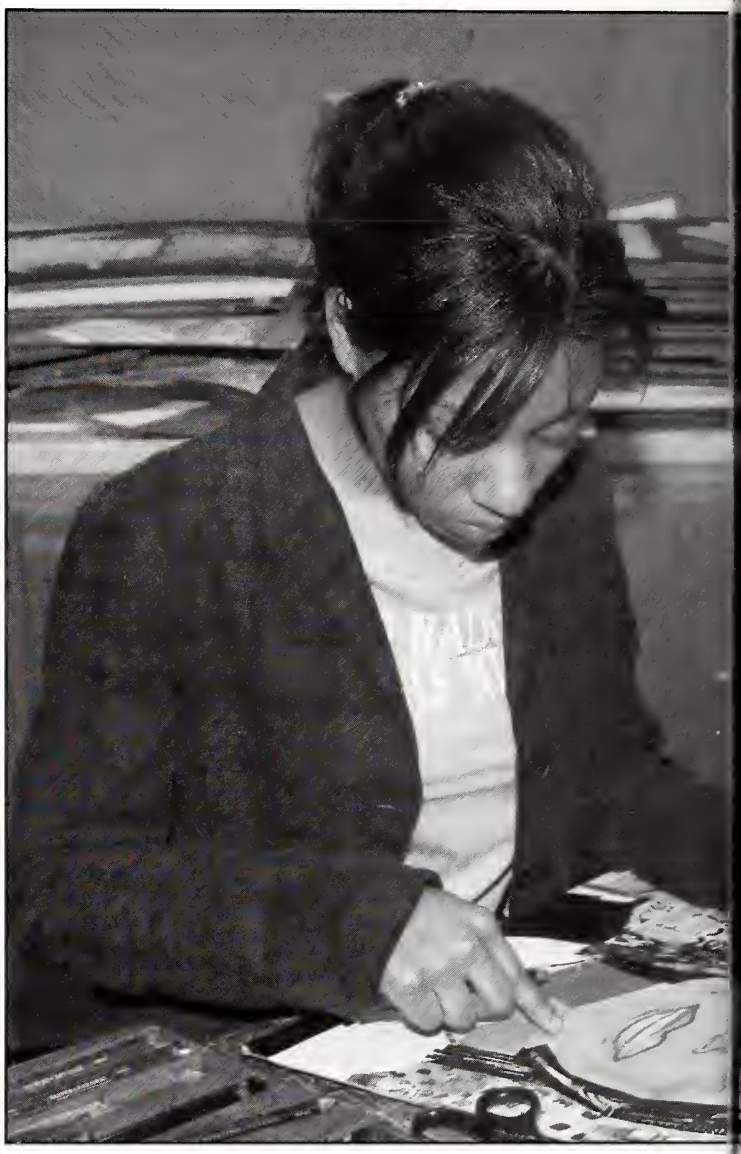
We've Got the Beat

Tyler Calhoun, Kari Freeny, David Bales, Shelby Anderson, and Jason Price provide a steady beat as the band plays to keep the crowd pumped.

Three dimensional sculptures created by Ms. Hammon's art appreciation class were a sight to behold at last year's spring art show.



Using only newspaper and magazine clippings, Amy Hathorn constructs a self portrait in preparation for the spring art show.



Curious to see what the EC ceramic students have been up to, members of the community gather around the display case at the fall art show.

Standing proudly by his work at the fall art show, Ron Anderson takes a moment to look it over once more. This particular work, "Native American Portrait," was later sent to state competition.

Along with others, Megan Harrell, Stephanie Pace, and Lee Sessums pause to admire works at the fall art show.

Artistic Endeavors

Ask any art student at EC what their classes are like and the answers would be varied. Messy. Challenging. Expensive. Fun. The list could go on and on. They often find their hands caked in clay, dusted with charcoal, or painted like a rainbow. Why do they put up with this? It's simple-because they enjoy it.

First of all, they enjoy the competition that being an art student offers. They frame and mat their own works for fall and spring competitions. Later in the spring, a few select works are chosen and sent to state competition where they go up against works from students from all over Mississippi.

What art students really enjoy, however, is being part of the student life at EC. They spend each semester preparing works to be shown in the fall and spring art shows. They appreciate the opportunity to share their talent with their teachers and fellow students.

The art students really do love what they do, despite any mess included. Besides, they know that paint washes away, charcoal rubs off, and clay is, after all, just wet dirt.

~Even Snell

Let the Games Begin

Each year, Student Services sponsors Spring Spree in an effort to brighten spirits dulled by a long winter, and the games begin.

Students form teams for the annual games and are allowed to create their own names.

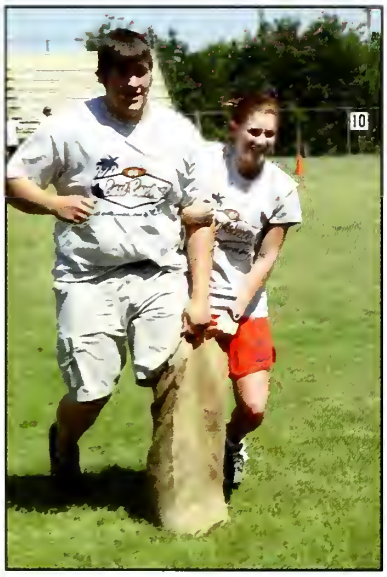
At Spring Spree 2004, seven creatively named teams met on a beautiful Saturday in May to battle it out in games such as the Egg Toss, the Balloon Burst, and the ever-popular Amoeba Race.

By the end of the day, students were exhausted from laughing, not to mention their physical exertion.

The 2004 Spring Spree games began - and ended - and left participants with fun experiences they will never forget.

~ Even Snell

What a tangled web they weave! The Amoeba game leaves the Slums tied up in knots.



Three legs are just as good as two. Andrew Hardy and Ashley Clark lope toward the finish line to prove it.

Timing is everything in the ski raee. Corey Coward,Liz Kirk, Jeremiah Gillete, Morgan Harris, Kevin Hateh, and Miranda Rosar remain in perfeet syne as they make their way down the field.

Precariously balaneing the ball between them, Amanda Kelly and Josh Brown are determined to bring home a first plaee for their team.

Dance the Night Away

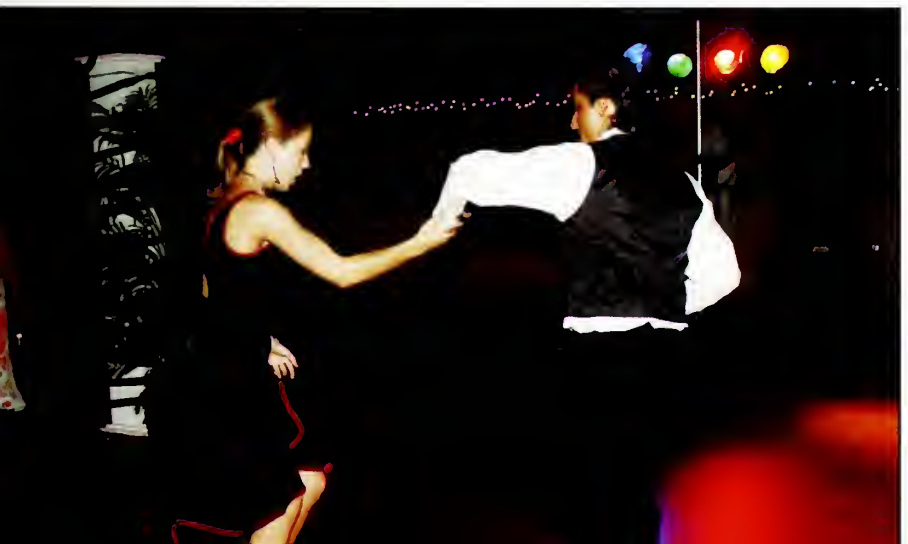
The end of school is near, and summer is on its way . . . what better way to celebrate than to don one's best and dance the night away.

The traditional spring formal provides students with the perfect opportunity to enjoy an evening out with EC friends as the semester ends.

With DJ music playing crowd favorites, students get a little closer on the slow, easy tunes, and let it all hang loose to the rythym of the fast ones.

Each year, the spring formal adds a pleasant memory to students' EC experience.

~ Shannon Brock



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Students fill the dance floor to experience the easy rythym of a love song.

The spring formal brings smiles to the students' faces--including Drew Moorehead and Mary Lois Thomas.

Diego Perez prepares to give Victoria Loper a twirl as they show off their dancing abilities.

Oklahoma!

It was "All er Nothin'" in the production and performance of the *Oklahoma!*, and the cast members of EC's spring musical certainly gave it their all. Under the stage management of Morgan Richards and the direction of Lori Muse, the play was presented at East Central in the spring of 2004. The story takes place during the turn of the century, and land wars between the cattlemen and farmers provide the perfect setting from which a feud erupts over a beauty named Laurey (Dinah Lacheny). A cowboy named Curly (Luke Howell) and a farmhand named Jud (Steven Thomas) both find themselves vying for her affections. Simultaniously, Ado Annie (Amy Chamblee), Will Parker (Shelby Anderson), and a traveling salesperson named Ali Hakim (Steven Irby) find themselves entrenched in a feud of their own. The EC players, who captivated the audience with songs directed by Len Bobo, showed that even through trials, love can finally prevail in the end.

~Even Snell

Laurey listens as Curly offers her a "surry with a fringe on top" to take her to the dance.

Row 1: Katie Ford, Shelby Anderson, Kristal Burton, Luke Howell, and Alan Williams. **Row 2:** Chaney Hollingsworth, Ronda Stroud, Jessica Creekmore, Amy Chamblee, Dinah Lachney, Daniel Thomas, Alex John, and Steven Thomas. **Row 3:** Steven Irby, Sam McDill, Ashley Nicholson, Ty Dowden, Dee Carpenter, Krystal Moore, Matt Brown, Amy Kennedy, and Bryon Whitley.

During a dream sequence, Laurey finds herself torn bewteen Curly and Jud.

Ado Annie finds herself being sweet talked by Ali Hakim. His words must have made an impact...they were soon married!

Married at last, Curly and Laurey start their new life together.

The townsfolk clap as couples take their turn on the dance floor.

Aunt Eller (Kristal Burton) samples Ali Hakims "tonic" while Laurey looks on.

In every college, there are those few students who rise above their peers, recognized for some outstanding achievement or elected to an honorable position. East Central is no exception. EC offers distinctions that enable students to strive to become better at whatever they pursue. For these students, this is an opportunity to gain respect and admiration. However, there is not just one category of honor. A student can claim the role of Mr. or Miss ECCC by becoming well-liked and esteemed by his or her peers. Students may also be chosen as class favorites. Not only are there awards that recognize

Honors

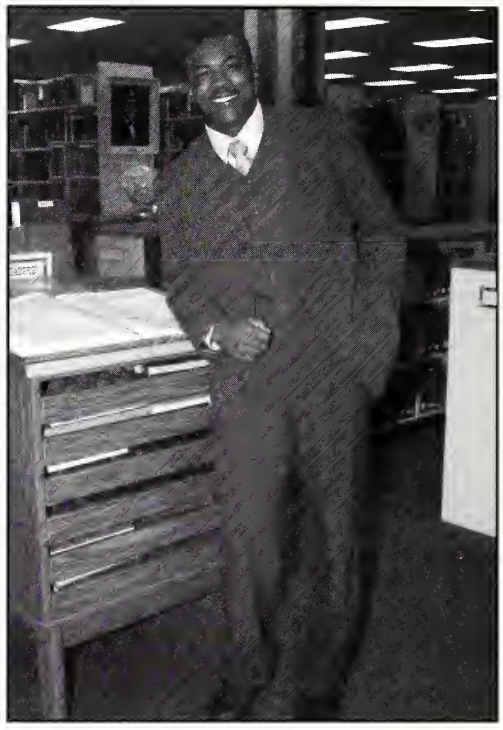
To be respected and well-liked by one's peers is certainly an honor. These students have been named by their classmates as class favorites.

peer respect, but there is also academic distinction as well. By earning outstanding grades, students may be selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. *Students who add campus involvement and faculty respect to a notable academic record can be inducted into the ECCC Hall of Fame. For ambitious students, there are elected positions they can pursue to gain experience. Those who work hard, persevere, and realize their full potential will most likely be respected and admired in the eyes of an East Central Warrior.*

~Flame Reese

Mr. and Miss ECCC

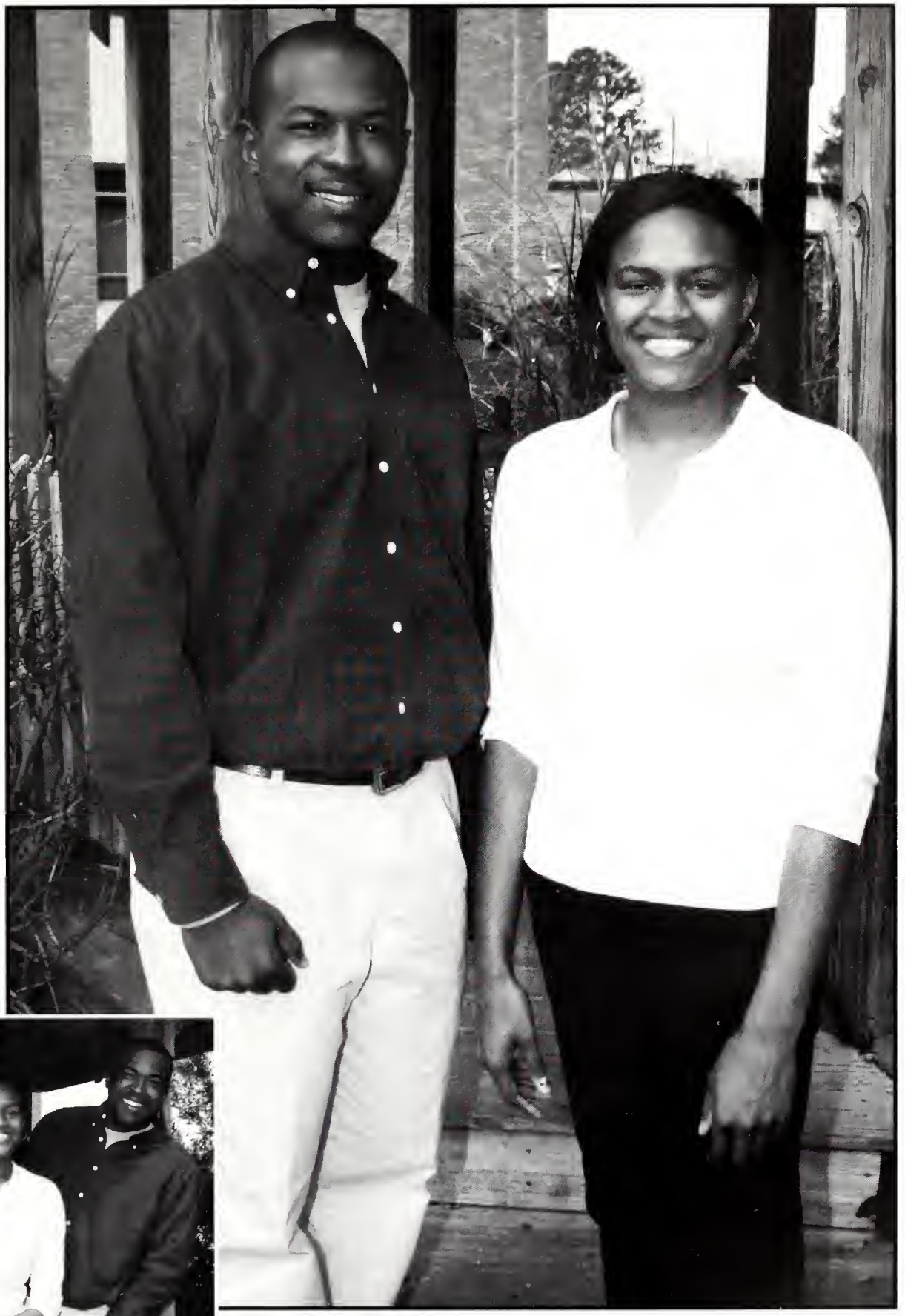
Todd Body



A friendly smile and a friendly manner – those are what Todd Body offers to his classmates at East Central. However, Todd's friendliness is only one of the reasons his peers have honored him as Mr. ECCC. Todd is an active student who represents the college as a member of Warrior Corps and serves as its secretary. He sings in the EC Concert Choir, leads the student body as a Warrior cheerleader, and plays a variety of intramural sports. In his freshman year, he was selected by the student body as Most Handsome. He earned the distinction of being named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*, and in his sophomore year, he was honored by the faculty as a Hall of Fame nominee. It's been said that "nice guys finish last," but the 2005 Mr. ECCC certainly proves that theory wrong.

Amy Ealy

In her years at East Central, Amy Ealy has no doubt impressed her classmates. Before naming her Miss ECCC, Amy's peers elected her secretary of both her freshman and sophomore classes, picked her to be a freshman class favorite, and chose her as Homecoming maid for two years as well. Amy has approached her years at East Central energetically. She has been active in Phi Theta Kappa, the Student Body Association, Baptist Student Union, and the Warrior Corps. She's also been a performer, dancing with the Centralettes and singing in the Gospel Choir. In addition, Amy earned EC's highest honor - induction into the Hall of Fame. Amy truly exemplifies the qualities that Miss ECCC should have.



Kristin Chaney

"Kristin is a great example of what a student-athlete should be. She is a winner in every aspect of life. I would always want her on my team."

Kristin is the daughter of Ricky and Brenda Chaney of Little Rock, Mississippi. She is a graduate of Newton County High School. This Dean's List Scholar is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Kristin is also an outstanding member of the Lady Warrior softball and basketball teams. She has been chosen first team All-State in both softball and basketball, first team All-Region 23 Tournament Team in basketball, first team All-Division in softball, and second team All-American in softball. She was also voted Newcomer of the Year in basketball during her freshman year at East Central, served as basketball team captain her sophomore year, and was the softball team's Most Valuable Player. Kristen was selected as a member of *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges* and named a HEADWAE honoree. Kristin represents all that a student athlete should be. She has an excellent GPA and is an outstanding athlete, and her loyalty to East Central is without question.

Ashley Clark

"Ashley is an out-of-district student who loves EC. She is a goal-oriented person with the highest of morals. She has proven herself to be a leader in all that she does."

Ashley is a graduate of Starkville Academy and is the daughter of Dudley and Susan Clark of Sturgis. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Alpha Epsilon, Mu Alpha Theta, the Student Body Association, the Diamond Girls, the East Central Environmental Club, and the Warrior Corps. She belongs to the Wesley Foundation, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the Baptist Student Union. At BSU, Ashley serves on the BSU Council and is a member of "The Way" ministry team. During her two years at East Central, Ashley has held the offices of vice president of the sophomore class, secretary of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, and vice president of Mu Alpha Theta. Ashley is recognized as a Dean's List Scholar and a member of *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.* She also received the 2004 Freshman Mathematics Award. This Lady Warrior basketball manager has proven that out-of-district students can become a vital part of academic and extra-curricular activities at East Central.

Amy Ealy

"Amy is one of those rare individuals who puts 110% into everything she does. Her contributions to EC have been outstanding; students like her make being an educator rewarding."

Amy is the daughter of Alexander and Willie Ealy of Morton. She is a graduate of Forest High School. At East Central, Amy has been active in a wide range of organizations and activities. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Student Body Association, and the Warrior Corps. She is a dancer with the Centralettes and sings in the Gospel Choir. Amy is also a member of the Baptist Student Union. Her honors and elected positions prove that she is a capable and energetic member of the student body. She was elected secretary of both her freshman and sophomore classes, and she was chosen as Homecoming maid for two years as well. While a freshman, she was elected class favorite, and in her sophomore year she was honored by her classmates as Miss East Central Community College. Another of her honors is her selection to *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.* Amy has given of her time and effort to be of service to the college while a student at East Central.

Lee Ann Rawson

"Lee Ann gives 100% in all her endeavors. She attends most of the sporting events and supports EC in everything. She is truly a leader on campus and represents EC well."

Lee Anne is a President's List Scholar at East Central. The daughter of Gary and Rhonda Rawson of Carthage, Lee Ann graduated from Carthage High School. The fact that she is a member of several campus organizations and participates in numerous campus activities proves that Lee Ann has taken advantage of all East Central has to offer. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Warrior Corps, Mu Alpha Theta, the East Central Environmental Club, the Wesley Foundation, the Diamond Girls, and the Baptist Student Union Council. At BSU, Lee Ann is a member of "The Way" ministry team who serves as its interpretive movement leader, the leader of the Tae Bo ministry team, and a member of the BSU Council. She has been chosen as an East Central Scholars Scholarship recipient and was selected to *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*. Lee Ann is known on campus as a great supporter of all phases of college life at East Central.

Brian Sibley

"Brian is possibly the busiest student on campus. He does an amazing job of juggling his classes and extra-curricular actitivies. His versatility has truly been evident in his years at EC."

Brian Sibley is the son of Henry and Martha Sibley of Newton. He is a graduate of Newton County Academy. Bryan holds membership, as well as leadership positions, in a host of campus organizations. He is a member of the Student Body Association, the Warrior Corps, the Recruitment and Retention Task Force, the President's Council, Students against Destructive Decisions, and the Baptist Student Union. He has served as treasurer of Warrior Corp, on-campus coordinator for the Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi, a member of the BSU Council, and sound technician for BSU. Brian also holds East Central's highest elected position, president of the Student Body Association. In addition to his active involvement in campus activities, Brian maintains a high GPA. He is a National Collegiate Student Government Award winner, a Collegiate All-American Scholar, and a member of *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*. Brian has represented himself and this college well during his years at East Central.

Marley Smith

"Marley is a very genuine, honest, and dependable young lady. She excels in every activity in which she is involved. She exhibits the qualities of a true leader and is an asset to EC."

Marley, daughter of Mark and Donna Smith of Union, is a graduate of Union High School. She is a pre-pharmacy major and has maintained an excellent grade point average while at East Central. She is active in Phi Theta Kappa and serves as co-president of the Warrior Corps. Her strong academic record has led her to be named as a Dean's List Scholar and a member of *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*. Marley pitches for the Lady Warrior softball team and has an outstanding athletic record as well. She has been chosen as an All-Central Division and All-State Community College softball player. She was also East Central's Most Valuable Defensive Player in softball for the 2004 season. Marley is also active in community service as a member of the Newton County Relay for Life team. While a student at East Central, Marley has proven to be the kind of student who sets goals for herself and puts forth every effort to accomplish these goals.

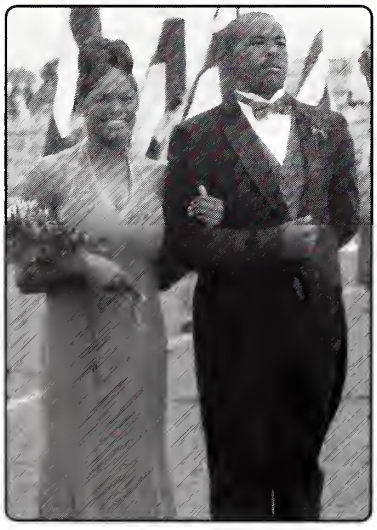
2004 Homecoming Court

Homecoming Queen
Shelly Ferguson
Escort: Joseph Cavenaugh

Maid of Honor

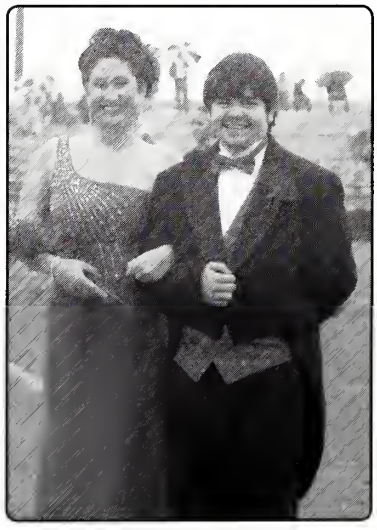
Shay Moncrief
Escort: Lando Blaylock

Sophomore Maid



Amy Ealy
Escort: Todd Body

Sophomore Maid



Stephanie Culpepper
Escort: Brian Sibley

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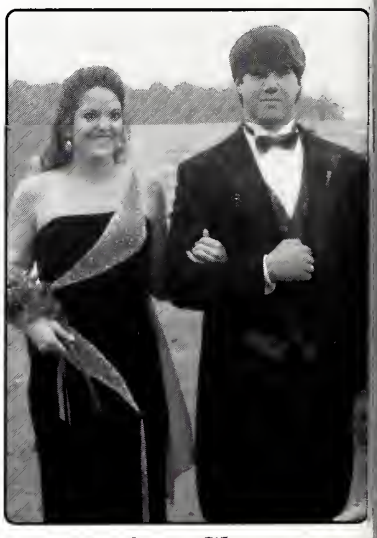

Lindsey Clanton
Escort: Austin Bonds

Freshman Maid

Pharen Nelson
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Misty Mayes
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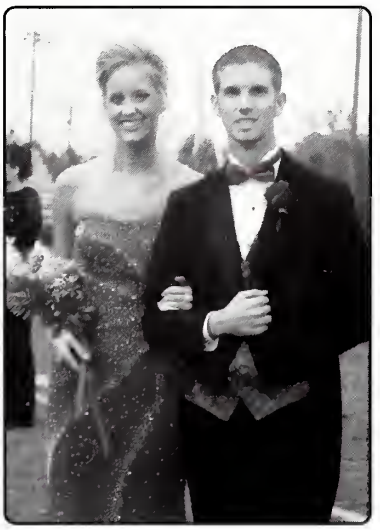
Freshman Maid



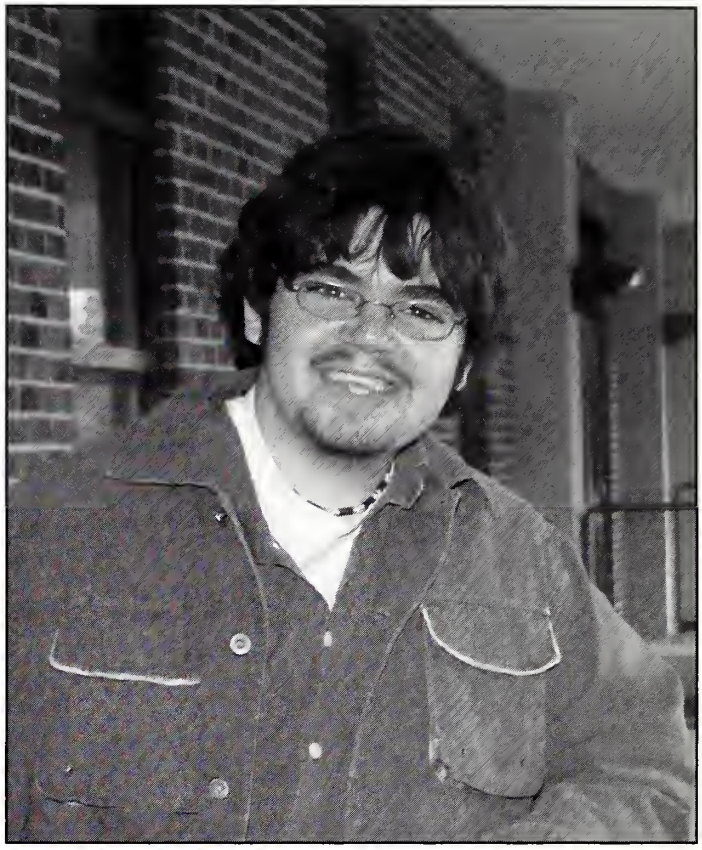
Clancy Cleveland
Escort: Grant Morris

Freshman Maid

Aly Burton
Escort: Bud Loper

Student Body President

Brian Sibley



Student Body President Brian Sibley is no stranger to leadership positions. At Newton County Academy, Brian served as class officer, helping to lead his school. He carried this tradition on to East Central by beoming the leading student officer on campus. Brian knows that being a leader is more than planning activities, but also following through and putting those activities into action. Brian says, "I ran for SBA president because I wanted to get involved and help make EC's campus a fun place for the students."

SBA Officers

Brian Sibley,
President
Keeley Morgan,
Vice President
Daphanie Hatcher,
Secretary
Sharli Moulds,
Treasurer

Freshman Class Officers

***Kurt Nelson*, President**
***Joy Cavenaugh*, Vice President**
***Clancy Cleveland*, Treasurer**
***Jaimee Jones*, Secretary**

Sophomore Class Officers

***Kristen Taylor*, President**
***Ashley Clark*, Vice President**
***Amy Ealy*, Secretary**
***Shay Moncrief*, Treasurer**

Class Favorites

Freshman Favorites

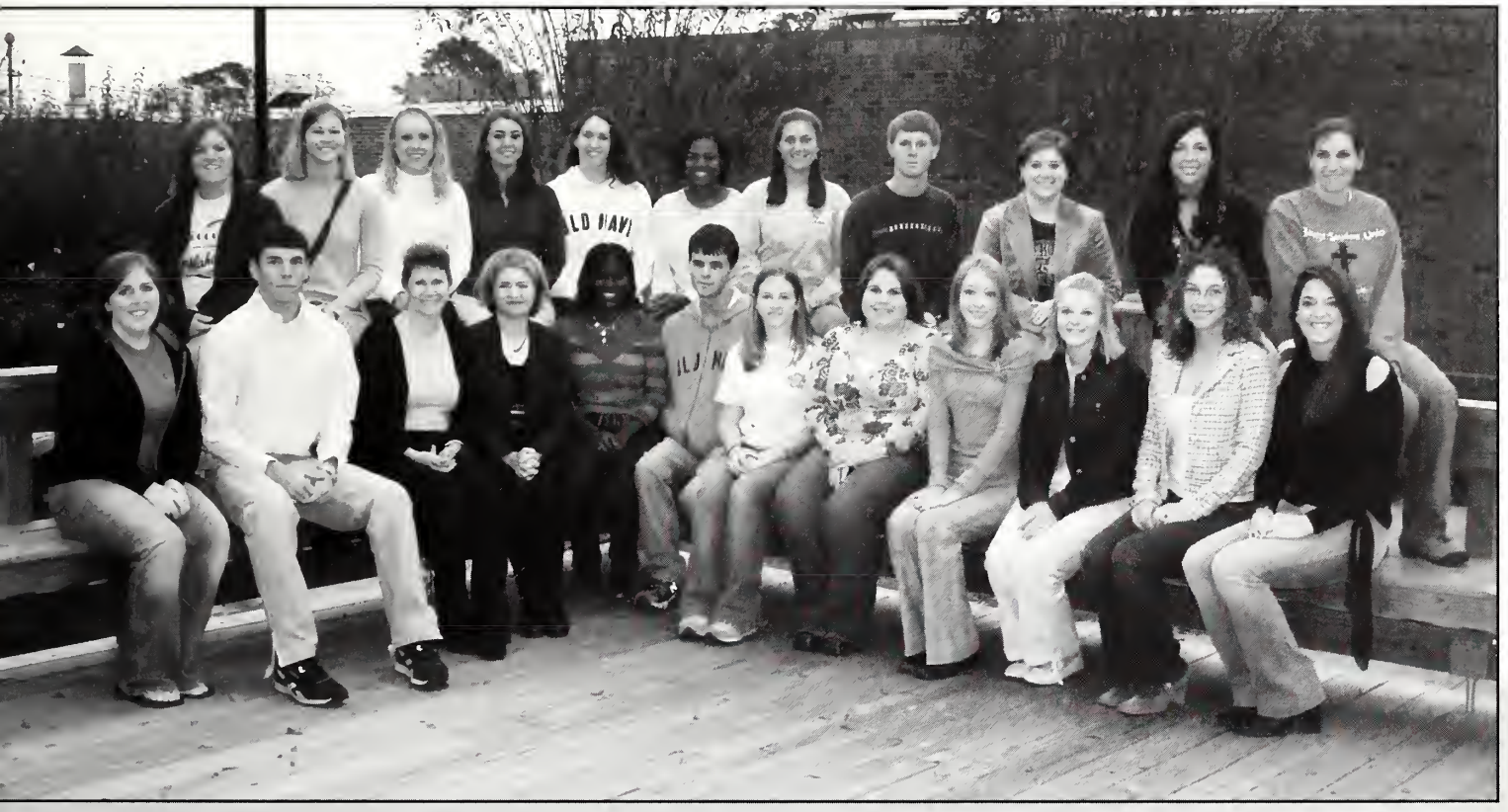
Tiffany Willis, Micah Lanier,
Sherrell Brown
Clancy Cleveland, Kurt Nelson

Sophomore Favorites

Tasha Boswell, Shay Moncrief, Keeley Morgan
Shelly Ferguson, Brian Sibley, Stephanie Culpepper
Not pictured: Lynlee Healy

Who's Who
Among American Junior Colleges

Students are selected for this prestigious honor based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success. These sophomores join an elite group of students from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations.



Row 1: Lee Ann Rawson of Carthage, David Frey of Louisville, Lori Horton of Union, Mary Jones of Forest, Quintisa Moncrief of Newton, Heath Smylie of Decatur, Valerie Gibbs of Newton, Ginger Vance of Decatur, Shana Smith of Union, Ashley Nicholson of Chunky, Shelly Ferguson of Hickory and Lindsey Clanton of Lawrence. **Row 2:** Anna Price of Louisville, Lauren Barrett and Erin Yelverton, both of Decatur; Courtney Jo Hollingsworth of Forest, Jessica Sheehan of Little Rock, Amy Ealy of Forest, Marley Smith of Union, Bryon Whitley, Liz Tullos, and Jennifer Johnson, all of Philadelphia; and Dru Fulton of Louisville. **Not pictured:** India Backstrom, Jodi Partridge, Cameron Tawater and Tanya Watkins, all of Philadelphia; Todd Body and Ashley Harrell, both of Forest; Jessica Boswell, Lindsey Knight and Joanna Page, all of Union; Cynthia Brantley, Brian Sibley, Mary Vega and Christopher Walker, all of Newton; Kristin Chaney and Bradley Cook, both of Little Rock; Ashley Clark of Sturgis; Benjamin Clark, Jessica Creekmore, Daphanie Hatcher, Faith Hessenius, Bradley Hill, Ryan Hudson, Jordan Kemp, Jay McMillin, Anthony Stanford and Ronda Stroud, all of Louisville; Heather Clearman, Ty Dowden, Sarah Hickox, Victoria Loper, Darryl Mapp and Diego Perez, all of Decatur; Corey Coward, Rachel Edwards and LaShedrick Eichelberger, all of Noxapater; Julie DeBord and Betty Dodd, both of Carthage; Anya Dickerson, Sharon Griffin, Sharli Moulds and Kristin Taylor, all of Conehatta; Toney Edison of Taylorsville; Courtney Graham, Cynthia Moody and Shamra White, all of Preston; Craig Martin and Roxana Rogers, both of Lake; David Prewitt of Enterprise; and James Ozment of Epes, Ala.

HEADWAE Honorees

Phillip Chrenshaw and Jodi Patridge

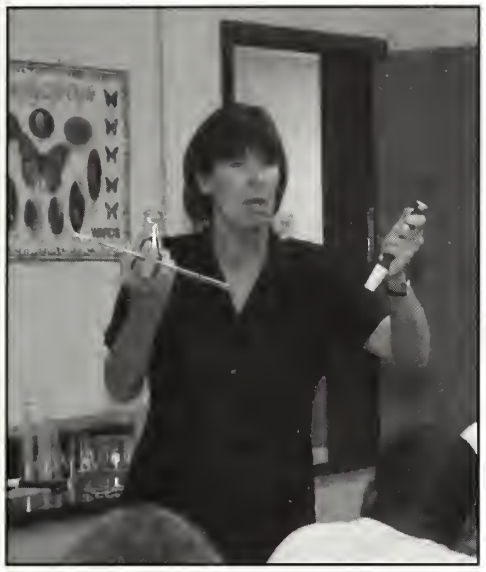
Academic excellence is a goal most instructors and students work toward daily, but a little encouragement and recognition can go a long way to ensure that both teachers and students continue in this pursuit. This belief motiviated the Mississippi legislature to establish HEADWAE, Higher Education Appreciation Day/ Working for Academic Excellence. The observance was launched in 1988 by legislative resolution to honor individual academic achievement and the overall contribution of the state's institutions of higher learning.

Mr. Phillip Crenshaw of Meridian and sophomore Jodi Kelly Patridge of Philadelphia are East Central Community College's HEADWAE instructor and student honorees for the 2004-2005 academic year.

Crenshaw, who teaches social science, joined the ECCC faculty in 2003, after previously serving as a teacher at Meridian High School and Clarkdale Attendance Center. A man dedicated to his profession, Crenshaw has the distinction of having been honored as Teacher of the Year at each school he has served.

Patridge is enrolled in the East Central's Associate Degree Nursing program. A President's List scholar, she is the recipient of this year's Bobbie Anderson Nursing Scholarship and an ACT Scholarship. She has also been named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.* Patridge says, "My career goal is to obtain my degree as a registered nurse and pursue my dream of helping others in need."

Instructors of the Year



The 2004-2005 Career-Technical Instructor of the Year is cosmetology instructor Wanda Brackeen. In addition to teaching , Brackeen continues her work as a cosmetologist, which is one of the ways she reaches her students. "I plan to be a cosmetologist as long as I teach, because I want to be able to tell my students the way things really are," Brackeen says. "Not only will I be able to give them State Board expectations, I can give them real world expectations."

Mr. Phillip Crenshaw is the 2004-2005 recipient of East Central Community College's Humanities Teacher of the Year Award, sponsored by the Mississippi Humanities Council. The social science instructor is known for lecturing students while donning costumes related to the period of his subject. During his lectures, Crenshaw may appear as Napoleon, Henry the Eighth, Alexander the Great, or an Egyptian merchant. Regarding his unique approach to teaching, Crenshaw comments, "I want students to 'live' history, not just receive the information from a book."

Academic Instructor of the Year for 2004-2005, biology instructor Sharon Lejeune has always loved science. Being able to work with students and share her love of science is why she became a teacher. Lejeune enjoys the varied aspects of teaching science and uses life experiences as one way to reach her students. Lejeune notes, "I reference life experiences and try to make science concepts relevant to the students. I tell a lot of stories!"

Wanda Brackeen
Career-Technical

Phillip Crenshaw
Humanities

Sharon Lejeune
Academics

Every college is full of diverse people that come from different backgrounds and cities. East Central is no exception. Because EC's enrollment has increased, the makeup of the college has become more diverse. Not only do local high school graduates choose EC for their education, but students from cities across Mississippi and some from other states do as well. Students from different nationalites, religions, and age groups coexist peacefully with one another on campus. No matter how much they differ, there is one thing they all have in common - the desire to get an education. Some students

People

Love is in the air. Daphanie Hatcher, Morgan Richards, Molly McCann, Aly Burton, Kathryn Barney, Clancy Cleveland, and Lindsey Clanton all express their admirationof Griff Misso at the Collegians concert.

are fresh out of high school, apprehensive about college life. Others are older parents seeking a second chance. Some students are here because of an academic or athletic scholarship, while others are taking out loans and holding down part-time jobs to pay for their education. Some students are making the President's List, while others are satisfied with the "C" that will transfer to a university. It doesn't matter how smart, talented, wealthy, or old a person is. Everyone is connected just by being at East Central.

~ Flame Reese

Trusted Representatives

American government is representative: that is, many people are represented by a few trusted persons to make decisions for them and act in their best interests.

The same is true for East Central Community College. EC is governed by a Board of Trustees made up of varied members from the five county area this college primarily serves. This diverse group is bound together with its common goal to make good things happen at East Central.

Meeting each month, the Board of Trustees functions as a legislative body, developing policies and approving the means to implement these policies. They work closely with the president and other administrators to see that EC moves in a positive direction.

Representative government - it ensures that both a country and a college run well. The representatives on the Board of Trustees are first-rate people, and the future of East Central is in good hands.

~ Anna Waltman

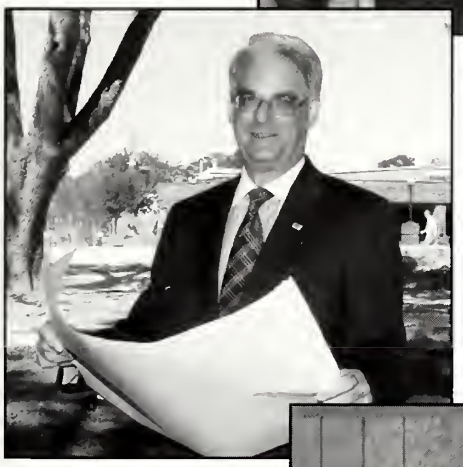
Row 1
Delane Hudson, Louisville
Annie Stowers, Forest
Rebecca Farris, Morton
Beverly Hart, Union
Row 2
Prentice Copeland (Chairman), Philadelphia
Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth, Lake
William E. Kitchings, Carthage
Bill Thames, Newton
Row 3
Ricky Goldman, Philadelphia
Dr. Danny Lanier, Little Rock
Melanie Hartley, Carthage
Harry Kemp, Louisville
Row 4
Randal Livingston, Louisville
Royce Shaw (Secretary), Forest
Frank McCurdy, Morton
Jerry Nance, Louisville
Row 5
*Robert Blount,*Union
Jerry K. Moore, Carthage
V. C. Manning, Philadelphia
Paul Simmons, Louisville
Row 6
David Byars, Philadelphia
Jack Winstead (Vice Chairman), Lawrence
Leo Parker, Noxapater
W. B. Jones, Walnut Grove
Silas O'Neal, Carthage

Not Pictured: *Janie Wilbanks,* Carthage; *Edsel Cliburn,* Union; *Eddie Willis,* Philadelphia; *Gary McDill,* Conehatta; and *Vernon Crotwell,* Morton.

A Leader with Vision

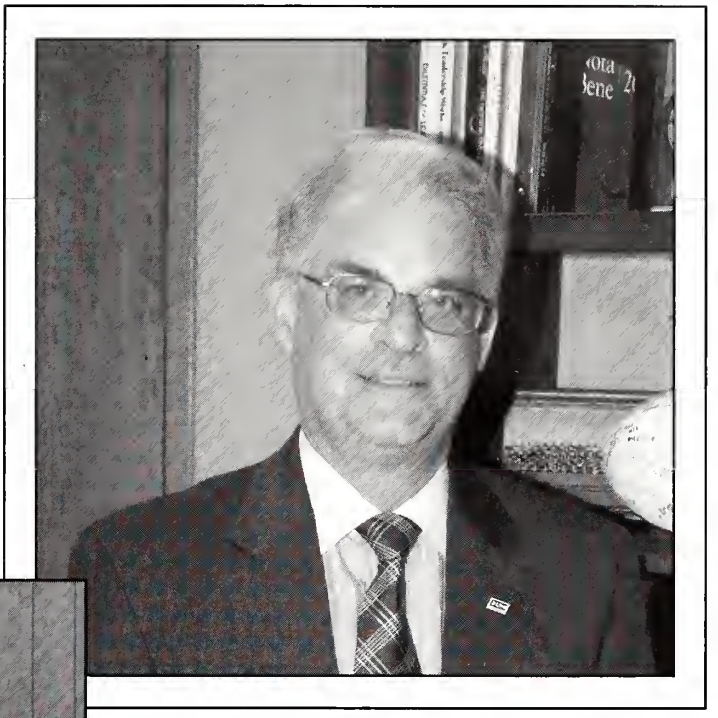
Dr. Phil Sutphin

At a fall pep rally, Dr. Sutphin gives positive support and encouragement to both players and fans.



With mall construction in the background, Dr. Sutphin surveys plans for ongoing improvements to the campus.

Dr. Sutphin interacts with other administrators at EC's weekly Administrative Council meeting.



A college president can be likened to the foundation of a building. Without the foundation, a building will crumble; without a strong president, a college will struggle. East Central has a strong president in Dr. Phil Sutphin.

Previously serving as Dean of Students and Dean of Instruction, Dr. Sutphin became East Central's seventh president in 2000. Even as a young boy, he had a clear vision for what he wanted to do with his life. He grew up on the Wood College campus watching his father serve as president, and this put a longing in him to become a community college president. His academic pursuits as well as his work experience have led him to the place he is today.

Part of Dr. Sutphin's strength lies in his positive vision for EC. Dr. Sutphin recognizes the value a good community college has to the area it serves, and he is focused on the growth of East Central. He sees much happening in the near future, including the expansion of courses and programs, the construction of new facilities, and the improvement of current buildings.

Dr. Sutphin is indeed a strong president, one whose perception of EC's present is bright and whose vision of the future is brighter still. His provides the firm foundation that East Central Community College needs.

~ Even Snell

Leaving Nothing to Chance

It's good to know that the success of East Central is not left to chance. It involves the careful planning of EC's Administrative Council.

Made up of the president, vice presidents, other administrators, and division chairs, the Administrative Council authors and implements the college's strategic plan. Each week members meet to ensure that East Central is serving its students in the best way it can.

While all members of the team are valuable, the strong leadership of East Central's four vice presidents is vital in keeping day-to-day operations running well.

As Vice President for Instruction, Dr. Lavinia Sparkman holds many responsibilities. Two key duties include coordinating college programs and serving as a liaison between students, faculty, and administration. In her own words, she "wears many hats, making for an exciting job." She adds, "I love what I do. My goal each day is to embrace whatever comes my way with enthusiasm and vigor."

Mr. Joe Killens is another administrator whose responsibilities are widespread. His duty is to make sure that areas directly involving students - academic counseling, financial aid, campus housing, clubs and organizations, to name a few - run smoothly and efficiently. His pet peeve is negativity, and Mr. Killens has anything but a negative outlook when it comes to EC. "East Central is the best bargain in this part of the state. We provide the opportunity to get a quality post-secondary education at an affordable price," says Mr. Killens. "Most people, including myself, look back at EC as some of the greatest years of their lives."

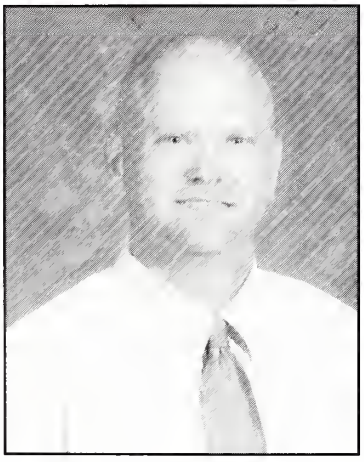
Vice President for Business Operations, Mr. Mickey Vance is also an alumnus who has returned to work at East Central. Mr. Vance says EC gave him "many fond memories and some good friends," and he is "delighted" to have the opportunity to be a part of the college. Mr. Vance manages the financial and business aspects of EC.

As Vice President for Public Information, Mr. Bubby Johnston is responsible for all publicity, including news, display booths, video presentations, publications, and advertisements. Journalism has been part of his life since Mr. Johnston can remember. He was involved with every aspect of running the family-owned newspaper, serving for five years as editor. He notes, "Working at a weekly newspaper is the best experience someone can receive in the field of public relations," He feels fortunate to be at East Central and sees it as a place where opportunities for success are available for anyone with "a desire to succeed."

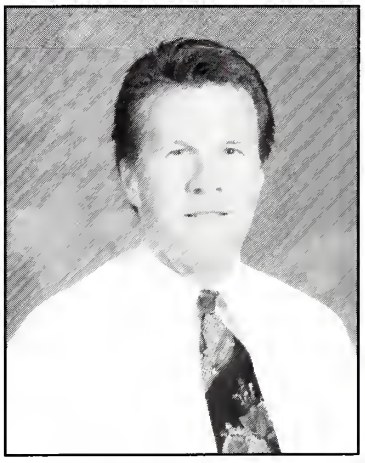
Positive outlooks, careful planning, caring leadership: these are what the vice presidents and other members of the Administrative Council offer to this college. There's no chance for failure at East Central - just certain success.

~ Even Snell

Dr. Lavinia Sparkman
Vice President
for Instruction



Joe Killens
Vice President
for Student Services



Mickey Vance
Vice President
for Business Operations

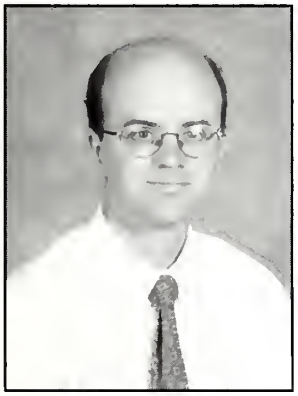
Bubby Johnston
Vice President
for Public Information

It is always good to lead by example. Dr. Lavinia Sparkman not only oversees instructors at EC; she is an instructor herself, teaching a section of Human Growth and Development each semester.

Good administrators get involved in campus life, and Mickey Vance is no exception. Mr. Vance and fellow EC Rocker Ryan Clark entertain students at the annual Welcome Back Week picnic.

Mr. Bubby Johnston gets some snaps of the construction at the Student Services building. Recording the year in both words and pictures is the job of Mr. Johnston and his staff.

Administrative Council



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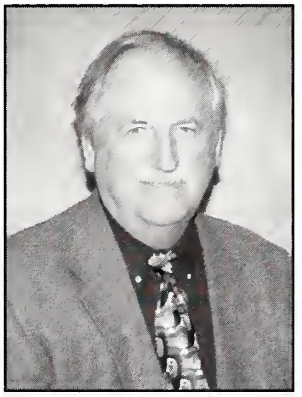
Director for Technology Management

Gene Davis
Dean of Adult and Continuing Education



Mike Dearing
Director of Maintenance

Wayne Eason
Dean of Career-Technical Instruction

Melanie Gilmore
Dean of Associate Degree Nursing

Donna Luke
Director of Admissions, Records, and Research

Terry Underwood
Athletic Director / Head Football Coach

Roger Whitlock
Director of Workforce Development Center

Energizing East Central

Thump! Thump! Thump! Fuzzy pink ears wave as short arms beat a drum.

Everyone can easily recognize the famous Energizer Bunny, yet take away its battery, and the bunny that keeps going and going will stop dead in its tracks.

The same is true of the ECCC campus. Take away the batteries, and the school simply can't run.

The batteries running East Central can't be found on some store shelf, however. They are unique to the campus, coming in the form of the faculty and staff. Found in the classrooms, the faculty prepare students for life after college. When they aren't busy teaching, instructors are usually in their offices, helping any student who asks or preparing for the next lesson. Staff can be found in the Student Union, the Bookstore, the Business Office - basically anywhere one cares to look. They are constantly working face-to-face with students, keeping open communication and ensuring a good college experience.

Some of these "batteries" are obvious, like the teachers who stand before students day after day. Others, such as a librarian, a financial aid director, or a school accountant, are not so obvious, yet just as important.

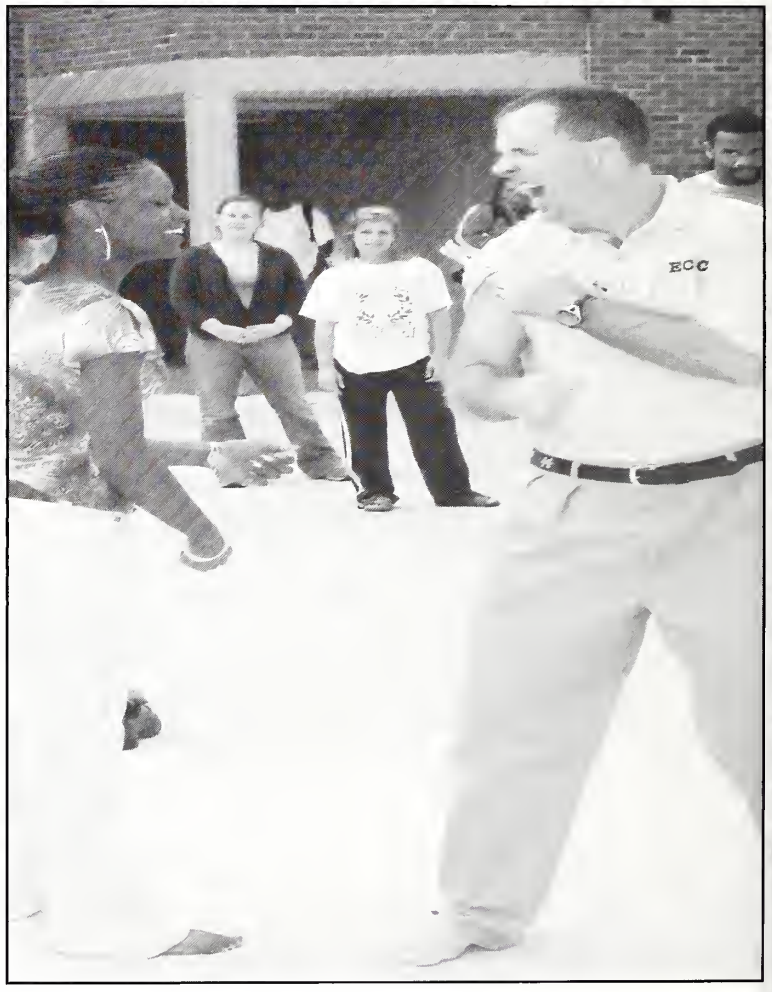
Some have been here for years, like Mrs. Lucille Wood, while some are just getting their feet wet, like Katie Sparkman of the Learning Skills Center.

One thing is certain, though. With faculty and staff like these, East Central is sure to just keep going and going and going . . .

~ Even Snell

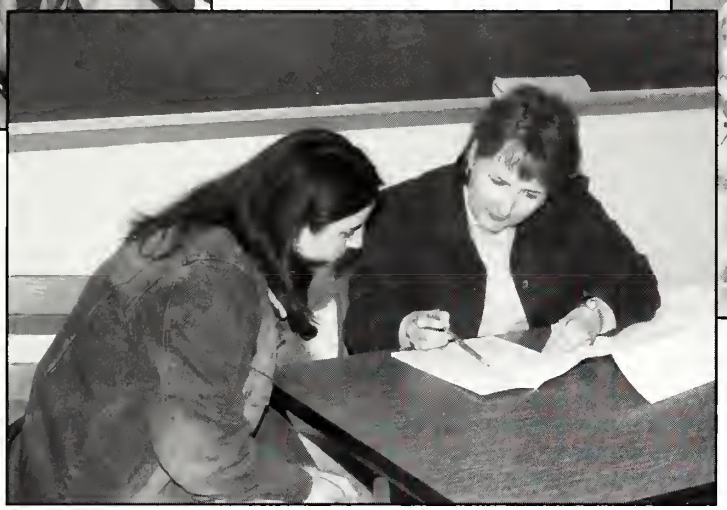
"I enjoy all of my students at East Central, from the youngest freshman to the older non-traditional student. Keeping the students motivated is the biggest challenge in teaching today. I have found that students aren't so concerned with what I know, but that I care that they succeed. That seems to be the greatest motivator." ***– Dr. Chris Jenkins***

The wince on Phillip Crenshaw's face clearly shows who is the winner of this Spartan pain contest - Shunda Horne.



In one of his last classes before leaving East Central, computer technology instructor Kelly Cluff helps Cheaquandrea Evans with her assignment. A US Marine Corp sergeant, Cluff was deployed to Iraq in December and hopes to make a safe return to EC in 2006.

Each year, science teachers mix a little fun into their instruction on Halloween. Kim Willis, Peggy Clayton, Sharon LeJeune, and Patti Davis make perfect "mad scientists."



Input from the instructor is always helpful. English Composition I student Erin Smith listens carefully as Debbie Boyd gives her ideas for an essay.

Sandra Amis, Tech Prep Coordinator
Nan Anderson, ADN Instructor
Mitsy Baysinger, Finacial Aid Secretary
Patrick Black, EMT-Paramedic Tech Director
Vicki Blaylock, Keyboard, Music Instructor

Len Bobo, Keyboard, Music Instructor
Mary Boulton, Gerontology Instructor
Debbie Boyd, English Instructor
Teresa Boykin, ADN Instructor
James Boykin, Carpentry and Cabinet Making Instructor

Regina Boykin, Technology Management Assistant
Jared Brownlee, Assistant Band Director
Sylvia Bush, Career - Technical Counselor
Sherri Cantey, ADN Instructor
Brenda Carson, Financial Aid Director

Tom Carson, Music Instructor / Band Director
Paige Case, English Instructor
Chris Clark, Workforce Development Coordinator
Ryan Clark, ABE/GED Data Entry Clerk
Sherry Craft, Business Office Clerk

Midge Davis, Secretary to the Dean of Adult and Continuing Education
Patti Davis, Biology Instructor
Ron Davis, Biology Instructor / Science Division Chair
Stella Dickerson, Computer Tech. Instructor
Romonica Evans, Secretary to the Vice President for Student Services

Christy Ferguson, Business Tech. Instructor
Tammie Fitzgerald, Business Office Clerk
Sue Ford, Mathematics Instructor
Gail Fulton, Mathematics Instructor
Kathy George, Child Development Tech. Instructor

Conrad Germany,Collision Repair Tech. Instructor
Carol Germany, Secretary to the Vice President for Instruction
Ruth Gregory, Business Tech. Instructor
Danny Gressett, Machine Shop Tech. Instructor
Bruce Guraedy, Art Instructor / Fine Arts Chair

Lanette Hannah,Counselor
Chris Harris, Work-Based Learning Coordinator
Tina Harris, Workforce Development Center - Basic Skills Specialist
Ricky Harrison, Drafting and Design Tech. Instructor
Brad Hodge, Women's Basketball Coach / Tennis Coach

Stacey Hollingsworth, Administrative Assistant - Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations
Judy Hurtt, Business Tech. Instructor
Jane Jackson, ADE-GED Instructor / Train -the-Trainer
Robert Jordan, Welding Instructor
Brenda Johnson, Computer Tech. Instructor

Brenda Johnson, Assistant Dormitory Supervisor / Gospel Choir Director
Joe Johnson, Biology Instructor
Terri Killens, Career -Technical Secretary
Tony Kinton, English Instructor
Brenda Kirby, Adjunct ADN Instructor

Dr. Linda Lane, Spanish Instructor
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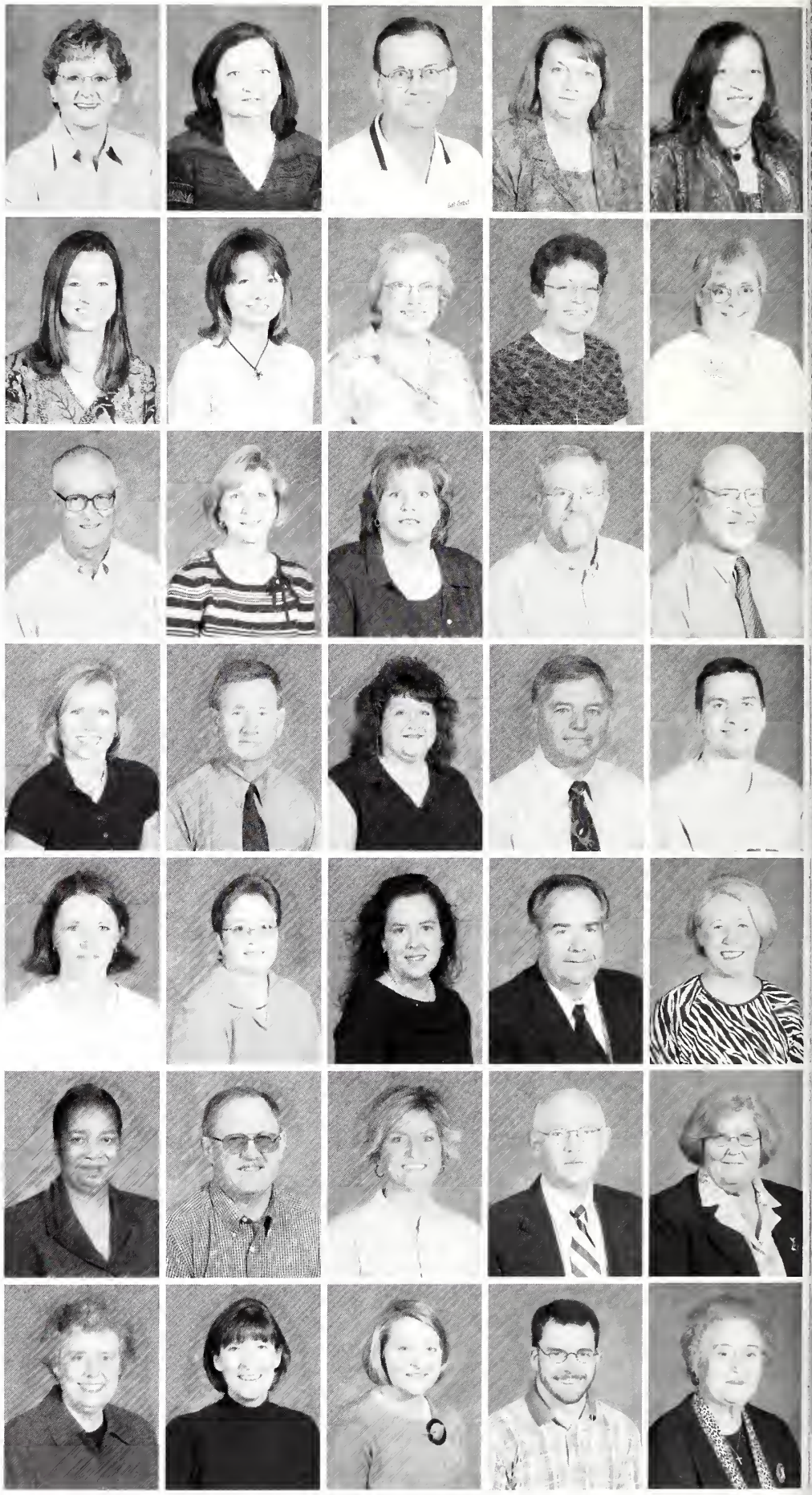
Betsy Mann, ADN Instructor
Barry Mason, EMT-Paramedic Tech. Instructor
Ora McAdory, Dormitory Supervisor



Marcus McCool, Social Science Instructor
Molly McGee, Valley Food Services Secretary
Kay McLeod, Dislocated Workers Program Coordinator
Maria McLeod, Assistant to the Vice President for Public Information
Dr. Lisa McMillin, Comp. Science Instructor / Mathematics-Comp. Science Division Chair

Gloria McRae, Mathematics Instructor
Derek Pace, Assistant Director for Technology Management
Eddie Parker, Valley Food Services
Linda Pierce, English Instructor / Communications Division Chair
Kathy Purser, ADN Secretary

R. T. Purvis, Information Technology Technical Specialist
Haywood Reeves, Mathematics Instructor
Joseph Renaud, Workforce Development Center - Personal Development Specialist
Kevin Ryals, Speech Instructor
Kathy Sanders, Faculty Secretary

Maudean Sanders, Assistant Dean of Career-Technical Instruction
Christy Savell, ADN Instructor
Phyllis Savell, EC Bookstore
Carol Shackelford, English Instructor
Martha Sibley, Student Services Secretary

Hilda Slaughter, Business Office Clerk
Emilie Smith, Workforce Development Center Secretary
Bill Smith, Men's Basketball Coach
Susan Fox-Smith, Psychology Instructor
Katie Sparkman, Service Learning Coordinator

Sheila Stamper, Business Office Clerk
Maxine Sullivan, Dormitory Supervisor
Kenneth Thompson, Mathematics Instructor
Laura Thorne, Accountant
Jeannie Vance, Faculty Secretary

Blake Warren, Philadelphia-Neshoba Co. Center - Productivity Enhancement Lab Trainer
Ronald Westbrook, Small Business Development Center Director
Mary Ann Wright, Child Development Tech. Instructor
Sylvia Wright, Mathematics Instructor
Karen Yates, Secretary to the Vice President for Public Information

Freshmen

Starting freshman year at East Central is filled with emotions. Feelings of happiness are mixed with a little confusion. Then, all is topped off with a sprinkle of fear. However, usually by the end of the second week of school, freshman realize that there is nothing better. When freshmen adjust to their new work load and get over their intial fear of rejection, they begin to realize their new independence. And what a great realization that is-- or so it seems.

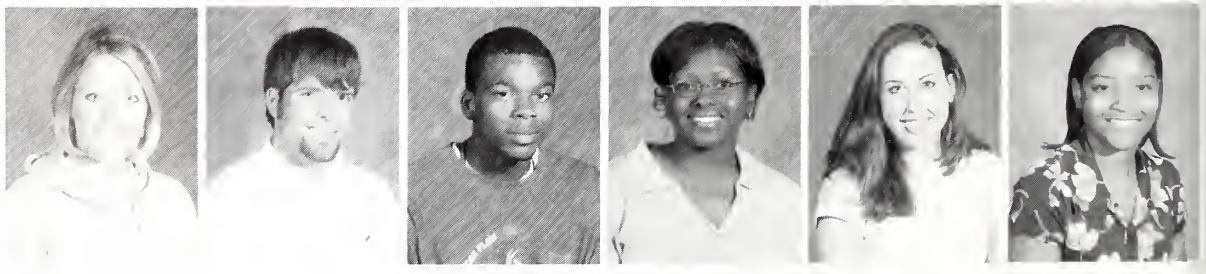
Along with this new-found independence comes a truck load of responsibilities. For some, it may take a whole semester to adjust to college life. Others may get into the swing of things in a few short weeks. No matter how long it takes, freshman year is surely a learning experience. After all, isn't that what college is all about?!

~ Maria Gusman

Kelly Ainsworth
Nick Alexander
Rickkita Alford
Brian Alford
Jennifer Allen
Kenneth Anderson

Marcus Arrington
Shaun Aultman
Courtney Averett
Lou Ann Averette
Darah Avery
Tamara Banks

Kelly Bankston
Kyle Bankston
Pierre Barlow
Olivia Barnes
Kahryn Barney
Larita Bates



"I like EC because of the laid back atmosphere, but I don't like that they really keep up with tardies and absences..."

--Taylor Stribling

Ebony Baxter
Mark Beamon
Lauren Beckham
Betty Belvin
Litahia Berney
Ashleyanne Berthelette

Clifton Blaylock
Lakeshia Bobbitt
Adam Bobo
Josh Boler
Nikita Bolin
Danielle Boyd

Michael Boydston
Anita Bradley
Dacie Brantley
Brande Brassfield
Kimberly Brazzle
Shannon Brock

Darrell Brogdon
Sherrell Brown
Helen Brown
Michael Brown
Cindy Bryan
Kristin Bufkin

Ashley Bufkin
Eric Buntson
Jessica Cager
Danny Cain
Michelle Cannon
Anthony Carothers

Shumecka Carothers
Clarissa Carter
Geno Carter
Monica Carter
Dionne Cary
Tasha Charlie

Henry Chesney
Lindsey Clark
Devon Clay
Stephanie Clemons
Clancy Cleveland
Caleb Cochran

William Coghlan
Kristy Coleman
Marice Coleman
Deidre Coleman
Grant Comans
Sandra Cooper

Alisha Crockett
Beth Crotwell
James Cumberland
Shetara Cummings
Leslie Daughtery
Vicky Davis

Jeffery Davis
Stephanie Dennis
Phatosha Derrick
Mekaela Derrick
Bennie Dertenger
Javares Dobbins

Terica Donald
Amanda Dowell
Scott Duett
Steven Dukes
Betty Dyess
Jeffrey Edwards

Britney Edwards
Fabian Eichelberger
Roxann Ellerby
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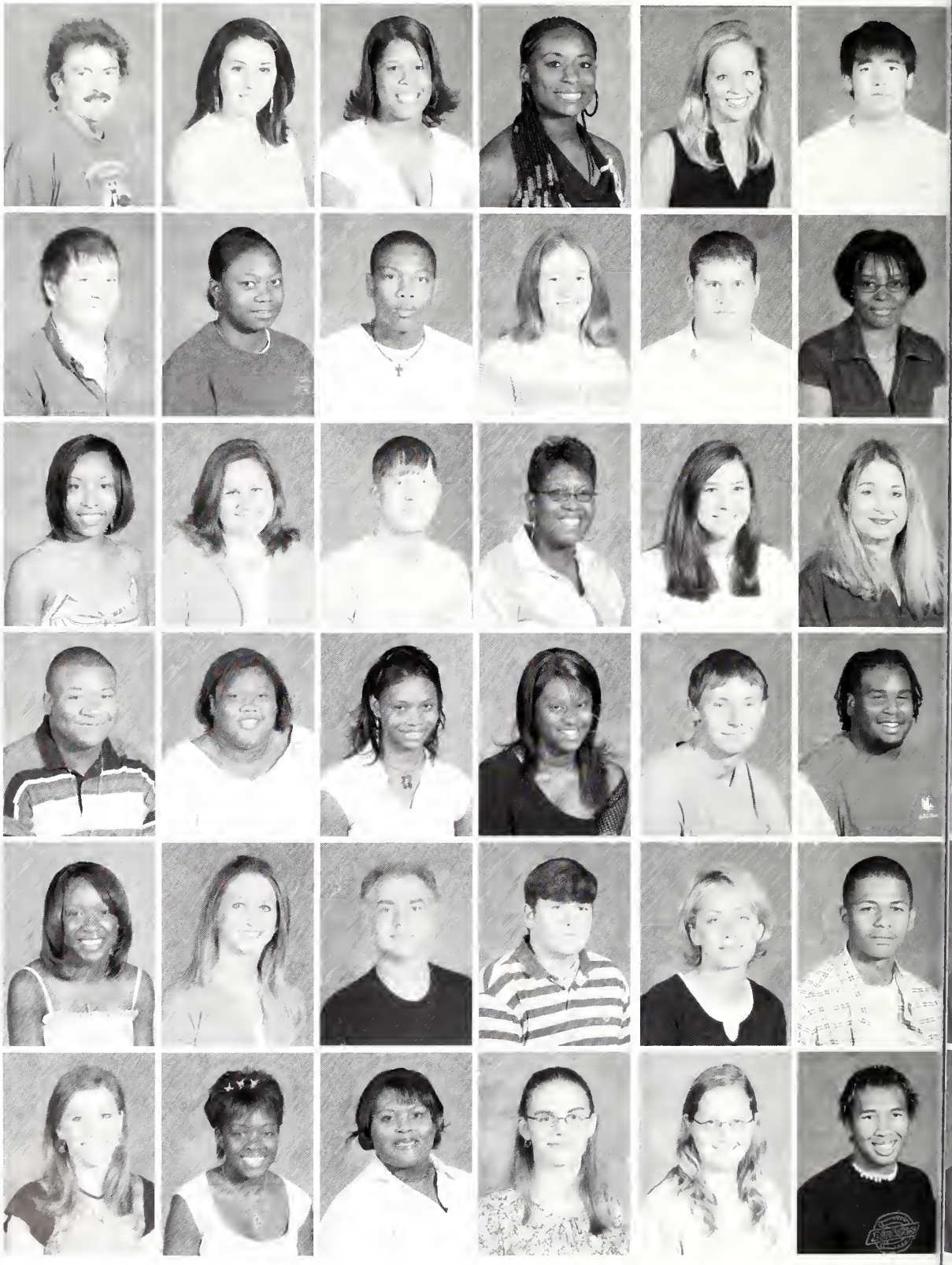
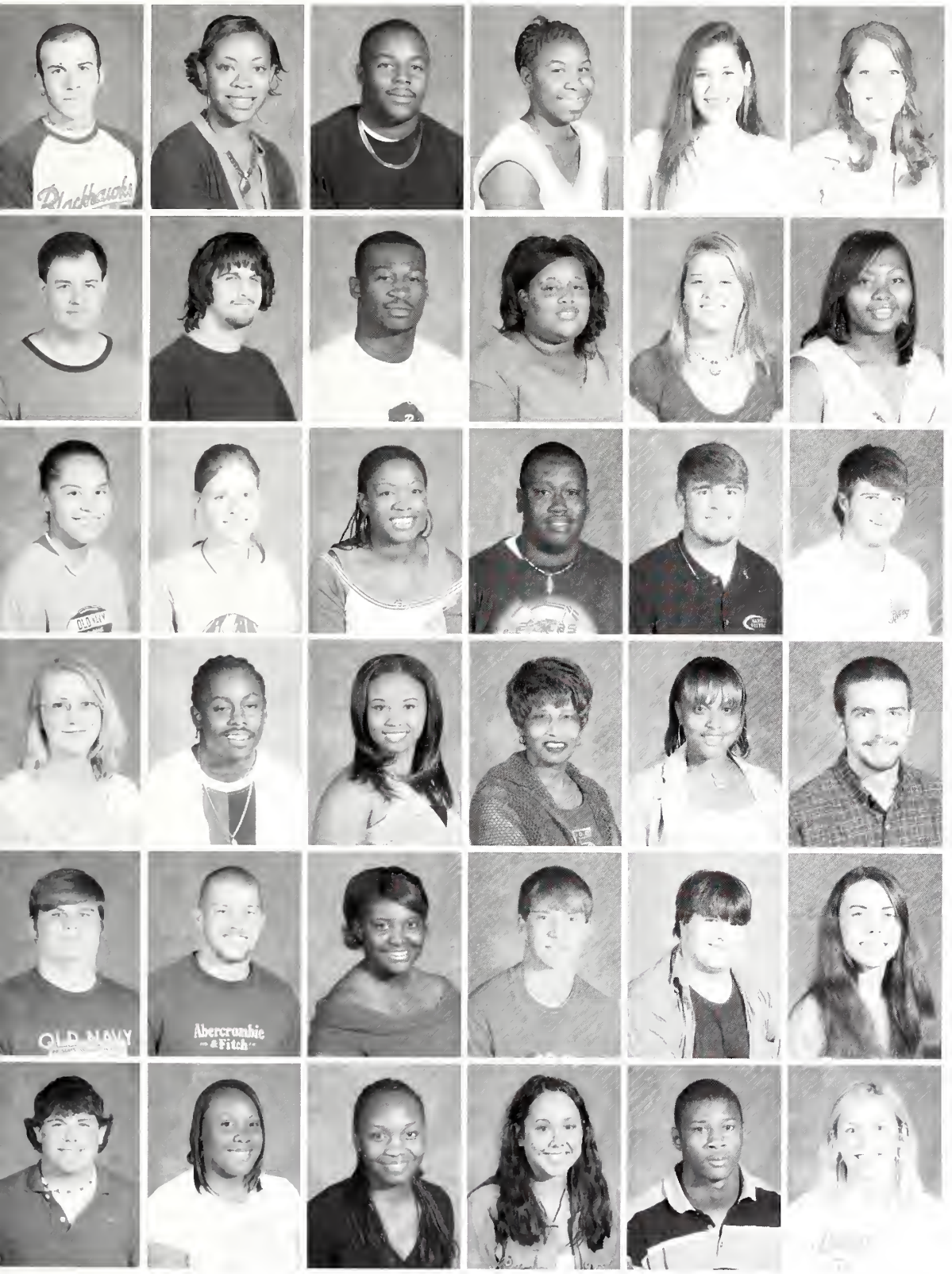
Rebecca Embrey
Billy Embry





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Kevin Fedrick
Clayton Fenyer
Hedrick Ficklin
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Kimberly Fitzhugh
Angel Fletcher

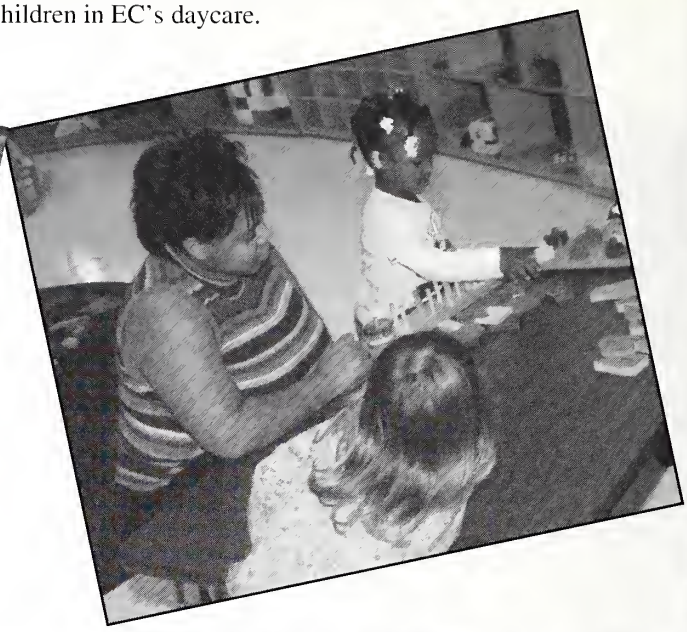
Ashley Flint
Laura Foreman
Cralathia Fortune
John Gaddis
Ryan Gale
Josh Garrett

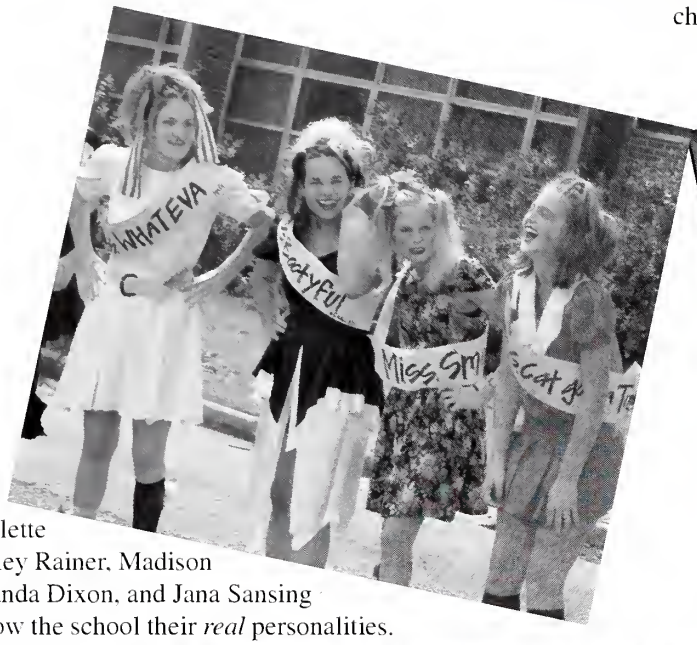
Becky Garrison
William Gilbert
Tiffeny Gilmore
Barbara Givins
Victoria Goatman
Richard Goldman

Brandon Gomillion
Ken Gordon
Alexis Gore
Kevin Gregory
Justin Groves
Sandy Guess

Justin Hamilton
Latanya Hannah
Erica Hardin
Megan Harrell
Andrew Harrington
Haley Harris

A freshman in the child development technology program, Cynthia Boose learns by interacting with children in EC's daycare.





During Centralette initiation, Hailey Rainer, Madison Brantley, Amanda Dixon, and Jana Sansing hilariously show the school their *real* personalities.

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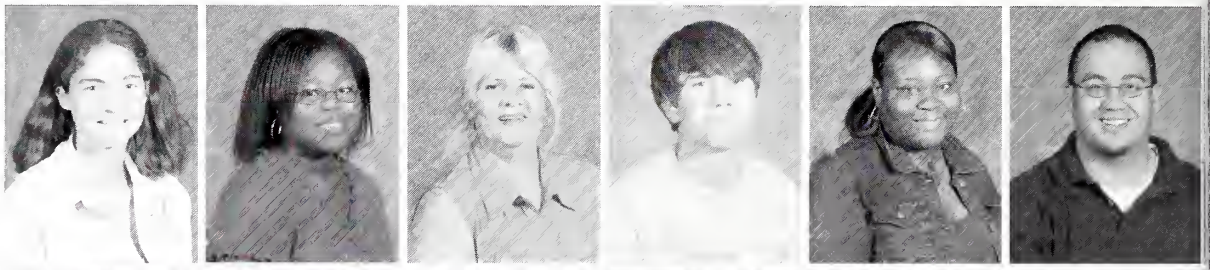
Brabara Haskins
Josh Hayes
Candice Haynes
Eric Henderson



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Clearissa Hickman
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Ivon Hickmon

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Lisa Holley
Shondra Holloway
Shunda Horne

LaShaun Houston
LaNorris Houston
Ivon Hickmon
Pam Hughes
Crystal Hughes
Mary Catherine Hunt

Erica Hunter
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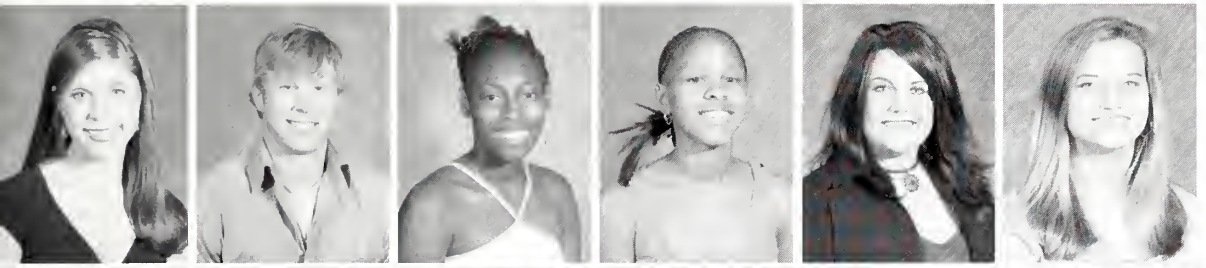

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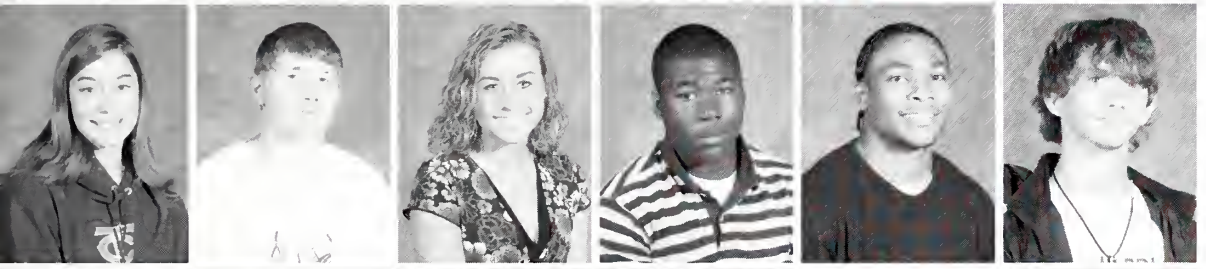

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John Kidd
Zach Kilpatrick

Chris Kimbrough
William King
Jaquetia Lampkin
Samantha Landon
Micah Lanier
Candace Lanier

Veronica Larkin
Don Larson
Albertina Laster
Brett Latimer
Sarah Lawson
Kristen Ledford

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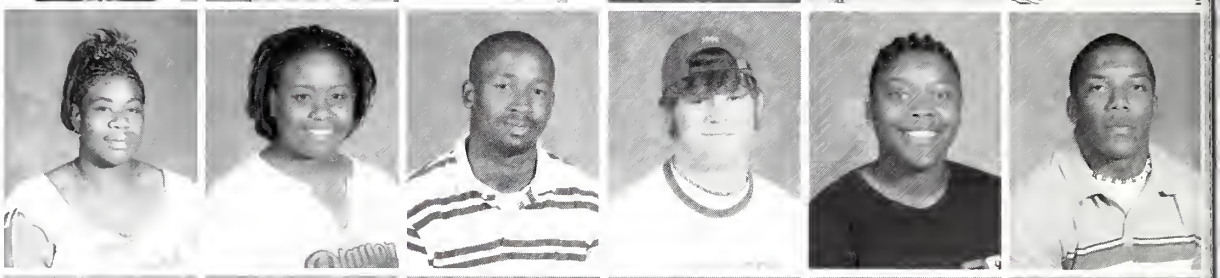

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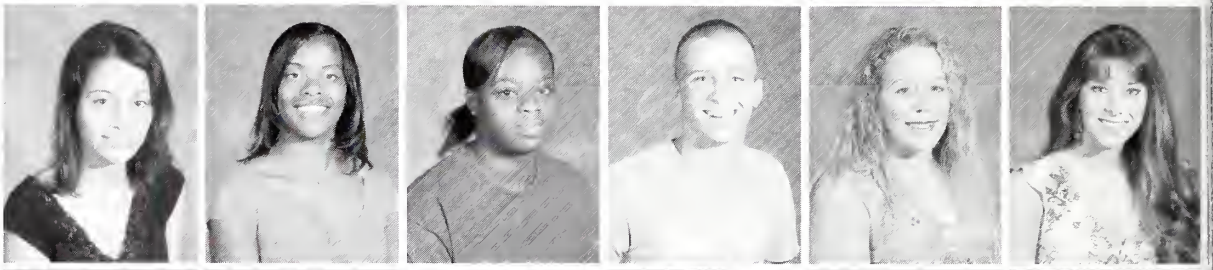

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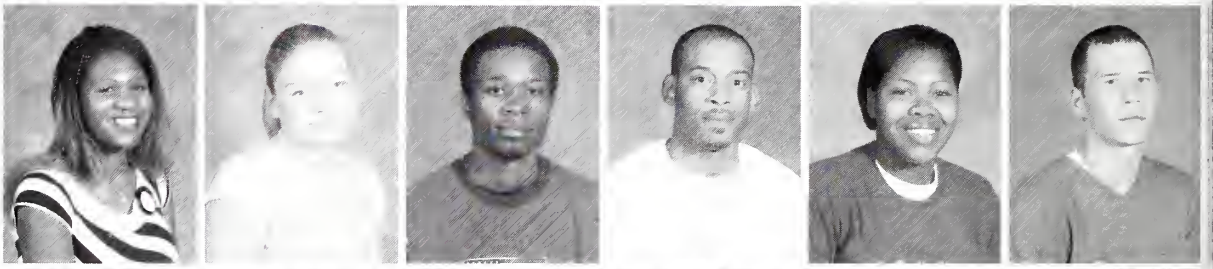

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Frances McLaurin
Amanda McMillin
Brooke McMillin
Lori McMullan

William McNeel
Jake McRaney
Daniel Merchant
Megan Miller
Abby Miller
Shani Miller

Megan Mills
Courtney Minshew
Brittany Mixon
Keiendra Moncrief
Casey Moore
Karassa Mopping

Derrick Morrison
Robbie Morse
Meghan Moulds
Justin Mullinax
Chad Murphy
Kim Nation

Kurt Nelson
Casey Nelson
Pharen Nelson
Corbie Nelson
Taylor Nichols
Carrie Nolan

Kasenda Overstreet
Rosie Pace
Charles Palmer
Danielle Parker
Stephen Parker
Henry Parrott

The chilly December weather doesn't stop freshmen Stephanie Pace, Kristi Usry, Amanda Therrion, and Lydia Tune from gathering outside Huff Auditorium between classes to catch up on the latest gossip.

Joseph Patrick
Nedrick Patrick
Aelena Patrick
Will Pearson
Tegan Pettis
Christoper Pierce

Daniel Pilgrim
Melissa Pilgrim
Ross Pine
Leigh Quick
Hali Rainer
Jodi Rawson

Darren Reed
Amanda Reel
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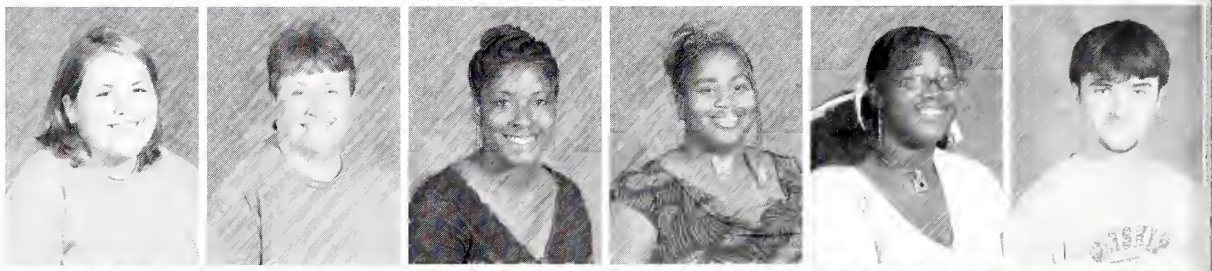

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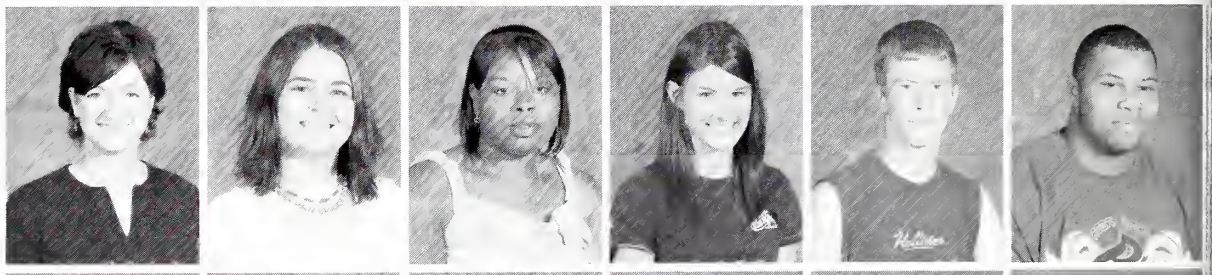

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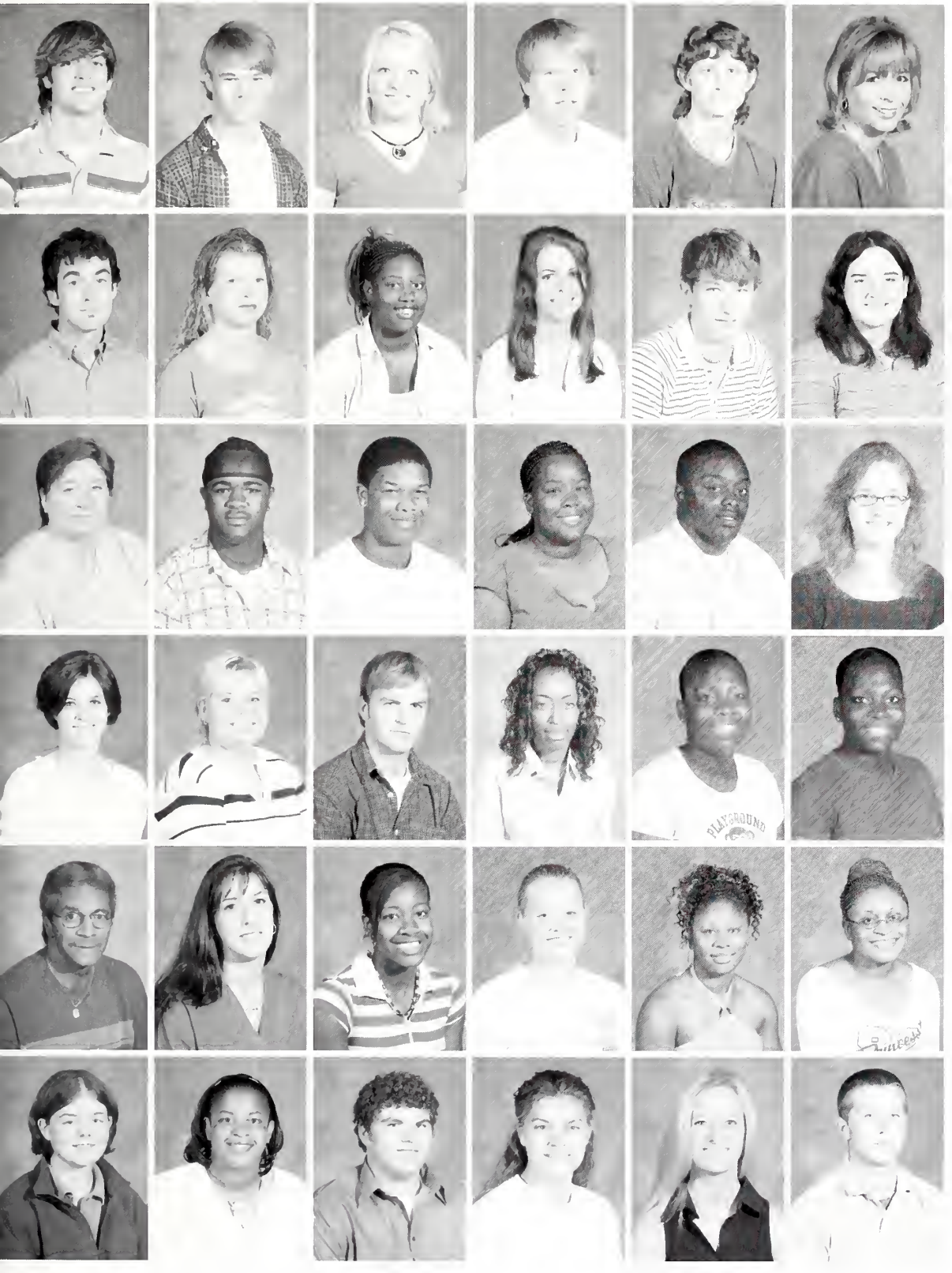
Brent Sciple
Tandy Scrivner



Laruis Sessums
James Shackelford
Mandy Sharp
Caleb Shepard
Chris Shuler
Torey Simmons

Patrick Simmons
Mindy Simpson
Ashley Singleton
Megan Slay
Stan Smith
Erin Smith

Betty Smith
Unqurie Smith
Eugene Smith
Romeka Smith
Rayshawn Smith
Even Snell

Ericka Stokes
Nikki Spears
Patrick Spencer
Stephanie Spencer
Shelia Spivey
Stephanie Spivey

Ernest Spivey
Tiffany Stack
Heather Steele
Lacie Stephens
Talisha Stewart
Sara Stiles

Katherine Stinson
Keyahda Stokes
Joshua Swindle
Natalie Tatum
Stormy Taylor
Sam Thames

Meshai Thomas
Tabitha Thomas
Kristen Thomas
Cassidy Thompson
Mallory Thompson
Alex Thorton

LeighAnn Thrash
Sunni Tolbert
Paul Tolbert
Latiska Townsend
Brittany Triplett
Santana Trotter

Kristy Usry
Kristan Valentine
Jennifer Vance
Daphne Vaughn
Prentiss Vivians
Kyle Vowell

Connie Walker
Lindsey Walker
Dusty Walker
Chiquilia Wardell
Daniel Warren
Cassandra Wash

Neolar Washington
Jason Weatherford
Antionetta Webster
Timothy Weir
Trivaun Wells
Ashley Wesley

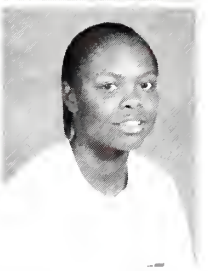
Pierie Wesley
Alex West
Amanda Wilcher
Kara Williams
Patricia Willis
Tiffany Willis

Why did you decide to come to East Central?

Clifton Willis
Shenita Wilson
Justin Wilson

Magan Winfield
Freida Wise
Marcus Wise

Patrick Woodward
Kerrie Wooten
Melton York

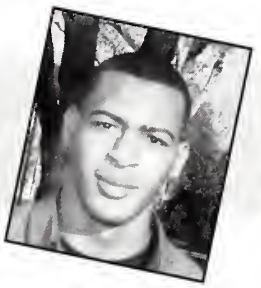


Tierra Young

"I heard it was a great college to get started on. Everyone here cares so much."
--Justin Graves

"I came to EC because of the interesting things I have heard from the students that visited my high school."
--Ardria Harris

"It was close to home and all my friends go here!"
Cheaquandrea Evans



"I came to EC because it is small. I like that because my high school was small."
--Patrick Leone

"EC is close to home which gives me the opportunity to work and go to school It is also the only school around that has my major, HVAC."
--Tywon Davis

Sophomores

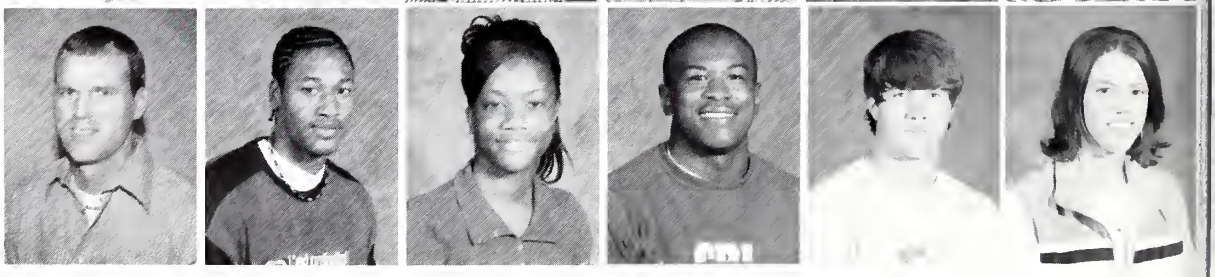
The word "sophomore" at East Central can mean several different things. For some students, it simply means year number two...only to be followed by year number three, four, etc... For other students it means that after they walk the aisle clothed in caps and gowns, they will enter the work force, what some like to call the "real world." Either of these thoughts can be exciting, but at the same time frightening. Not too long ago, these sophomores were arriving as freshmen, excited to experience a new "freedom" at college. Now, however, with all the important decisions sophomores have to face, many would gladly go back to their freshman or even high school days. The students on the following pages may all go separate ways soon, but no matter what "sophomore" means to them they all share a common thread--they each experienced part of life's journey at East Central.

~ Anna Waltman

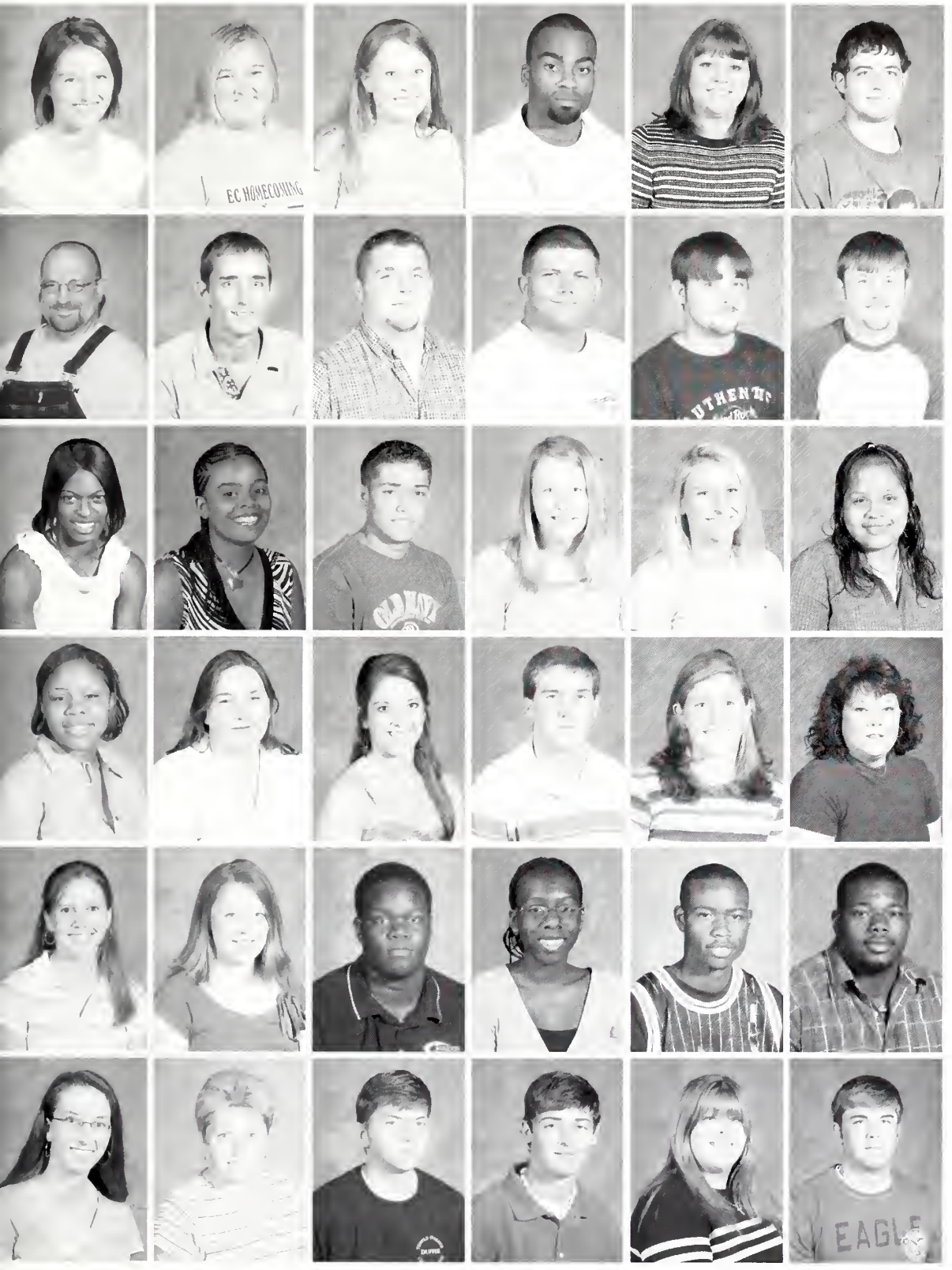
Otiko Anthony
Luis Araya
Kimberly Atkinson
India Backstrom
Tammy Baldwin
LaQuinta Bonds

Kathryn Barnes
David Bayles
Lola Beckham
Richard Bell
Kacey Bender
Joshua Benson

Tom Beyette
Coshune Bingham
Crystal Bobbitt
Tod Body
Austin Bonds
Dana Boone



"I've enjoyed my time at EC very much. From writing Tom-Tom articles to Scholars Bowl competitions to meeting new people, EC has been great!" --Bradley Cook



Lindsey Bostick
Tasha Boswell
Jessica Boswell
James Boyd
Regena Boykin
Ryan Boyels

Michael Bradley
Buster Brogdon
Matt Brown
Merle Bryan
Nolan Burchfield
Neal Callahan

Alexa Carr
Pamela Carter
Jose Castillo
Suzanne Chaney
Kristin Chaney
Tabitha Charlie

Jashemia Cherry
Katie Chunn
Lindsey Clanton
Benjamin Clark
Ashley Clark
Kristy Clark

Heather Clearman
Aubrie Clevcland
Derrick Cleveland
Adrienne Coleman
Andre Coleman
Jimmy Coleman

Kimberly Coley
Debra Conger
Bradley Cook
Justin Copeland
Candace Copeland
Corey Coward

Keli Craft
Candid Crosby
Josh Cumberland
Joshua Curry
Tyron Davis
William Davis

Jess Davis
Julie DeBord
Anya Dickerson
Brooke Dorman
Courtney Dorsett
Brandi Durant

Amy Ealy
Toney Edison
Renee Edwards
Susan Ellington
Brandon Ezell
Christy Fedrick

Shelly Ferguson
Erin Fortune
Jay Franklin
Dru Fulton
Bethany Garrison
Loretta Gates

Russell Giambrone
Valerie Gibbs
Jamie Gilmer

Stephen Goodloe
Scott Gordon
Kyle Gordon

Sophomore Stephanie Culpepper welcomes freshman Zach Richardson to the BSU "messy games."

Willean Goss
Demetrice Goss
Sheena Goss
Eli Goss
Cedric Gray
Casey Griffin

Sharon Griffin
Jason Hannis
Sonya Hardage
Robert Hardy
Angelia Harper
Ardria Harris

"Being a non-traditional student, I have found it easy to adjust to the college life with the help of my instructors."
--Latisa Sistrunk

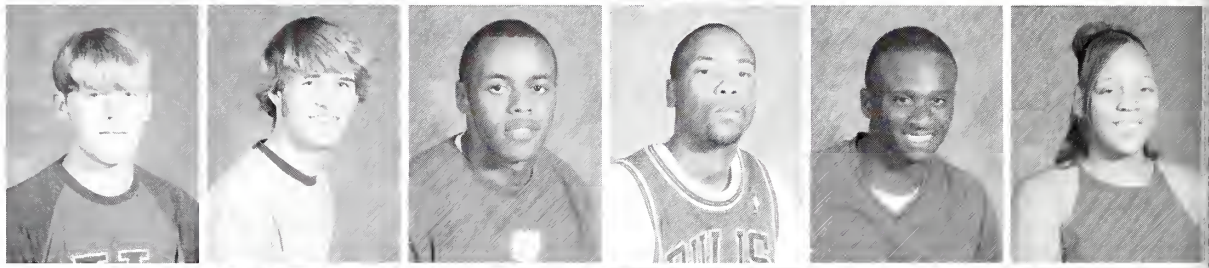
Brandon Harris
Stacy Harris
LaSaundra Harrison
Kevin Hatch
Shelly Hatch
Daphanie Hatcher

Shawnta Hawthorne
Lynlee Healy
Larae Hemphill
Lonnie Henry
Lindsay Herrington
Larcenyer Hester

Perey Hester
Yolandra Hickman
Sarah Hickox
Brad Hill
Blake Hines
Felicia Holificld

Courtney Hollingsworth
Jessica Holmes
Veronica Holmes
Stephanie Hord
Kelvin Horne
Lori Horton

Luke Howell
Stewart Hoy
Curtis Hudnall
Ryan Hudson
Orie Hudson
Krystle Hunter



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Lora Jayroe
Delisa Jenkins
Latoya Johnson
Jennifer Johnson
Eric Johnson

Shanna Jones
Tuscara Jones
Mary Jones
Marjay Hones
Rebecca Jones
Bridget Jordan

Amanda Kelly
Amy Kennedy
Yuvonne Kidd
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Brandie Landon
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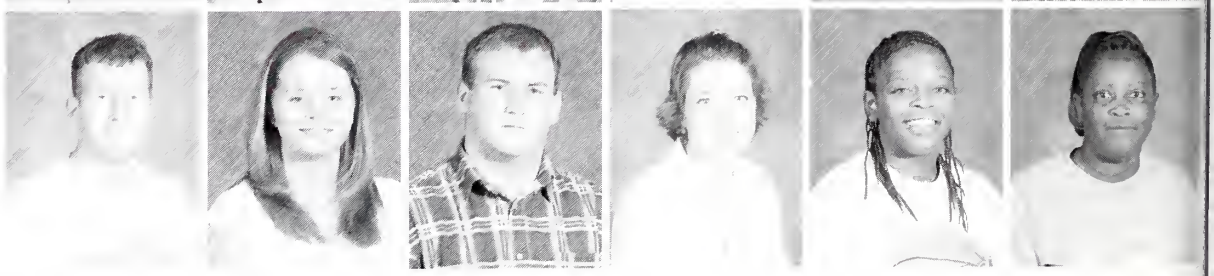
Aja Loveless
Angela Lyon



Sylvia Majure
Darryl Mapp
Sonja Mansell
Johnny Marin
Stephanie May
Beverly McAfee

Candice McCann
Tyneisha McDonald
Josh McDonald
Twanesha McDonald
Matt McGowin
Paul McMahn

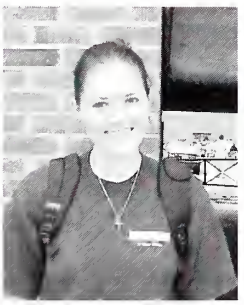
Amy McMillin
Jay McMillin
Ozzil McMurtry
Tammy McMurry
Kizzy Miller
Josh Miller

WHY ME?

These sophomores bravely share some of their most **mortifying** moments at East Central!!

I forgot the words to my song in "Oklahoma" I looked at my sister and just cracked up!!

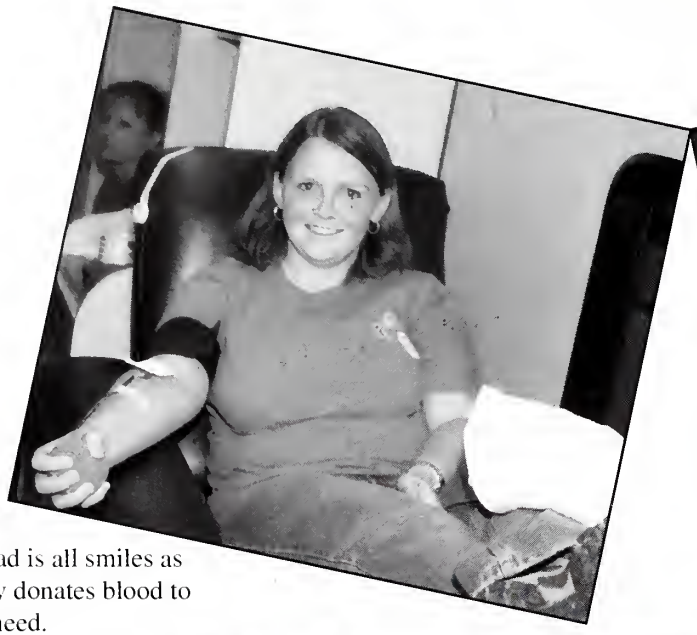
--Luke Howell



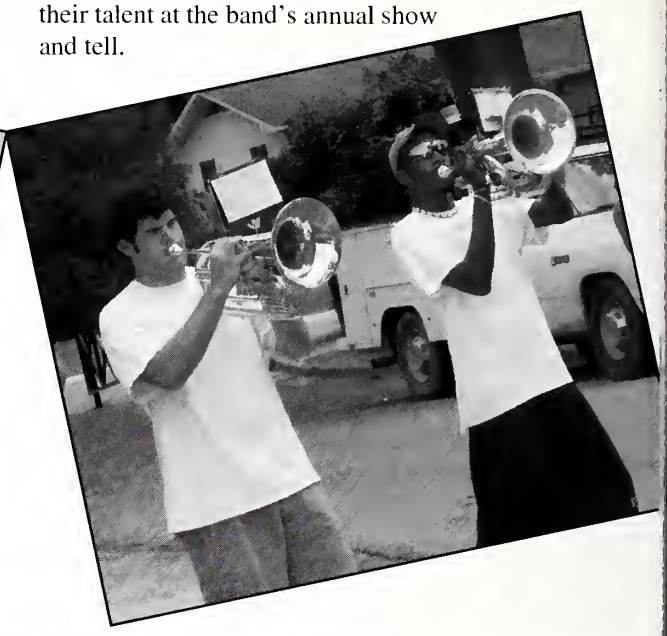
"I forgot to say my name on stage at the beauty review!"

--Mollie Cieglo

"I was chased out of Huff [auditorium] by alligator rats at the hypnotist show, then I danced around the stage."
--Richard Burton



Brook Winstead is all smiles as she generously donates blood to help those in need.



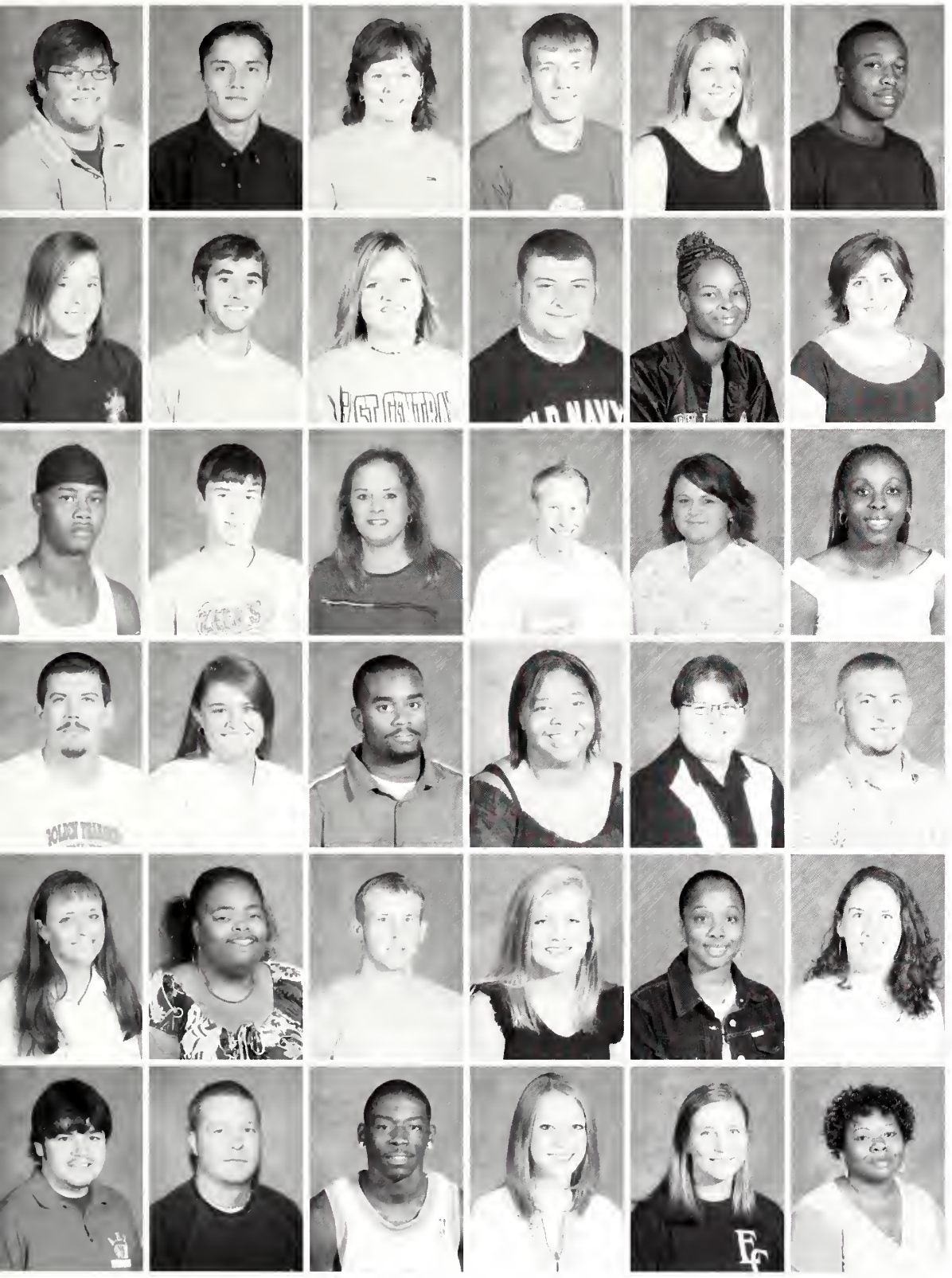
Jordan Kemp and Marcus Wise display their talent at the band's annual show and tell.

Marty Ming
Jeffery Mitchell
Mireka Mizell
Angela Moman
Quintisa Moncrief
Evelyn Moore

Alex Moore
Jennifer Moore
Kellie Moore
Ana Moore
Precious Moorehead
Keeley Morgan

Grant Morris
Carri Myers
Carmelita Naylor
Gina Nazary
Kenneta Nichols
Ashley Nicholson

Chasity Odom
James Ozment
Falind Pace
Joanna Page
Jodi Kelly Partridge
Samantha Partridge



Shane Patterson
Diego Perez
Kathy Pettigrew
Tyler Petty
Erin Plunkett
Jerrick Porter

Kirstin Posey
David Prewitt
Anna Price
Jason Price
Arnettra Qualls
LeeAnne Rawson

Thomas Reed
Adam Reeves
Rochelle Reid
Shawn Ribble
Dana Roberson
Roxana Rogers

Tim Rogers
Haley Rolison
D'moni Ross
Gwendolyn Ruffn
Chris Rush
T.J. Rushing

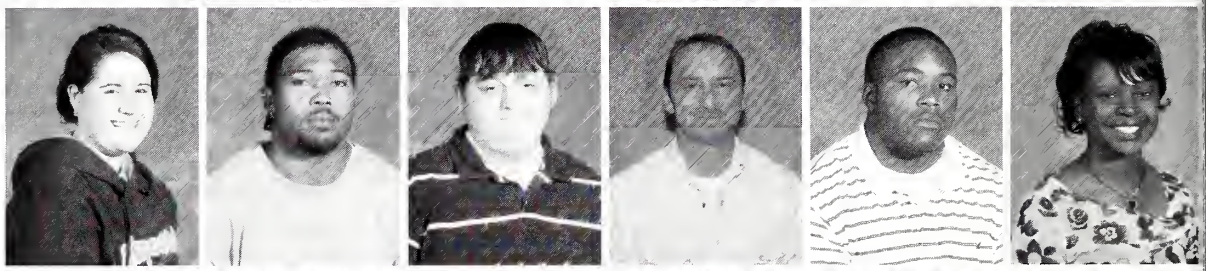
Amanda Sanders
Latoya Sanders
Cody Savell
Wanda Shannon
Marissa Shannon
Jessica Sheehan

Brian Sibley
Lance Sigrest
Trellis Skinner
Shana Smith
Marley Smith
Karquetta Smith

Jana Smith
Henry Smith
Deshun Smith
Heath Smylie
Kamarie Spivey
Anthony Stanford

Leslie Stewart
Ryan Stewart
Jonathan Stokes
Hyman Stovall
Ronda Stroud
Cameron Tawater

Kristin Taylor
Joe Taylor
Talon Terrell
Jackie Tharp
Clinton Thomas
Rhonda Thompson



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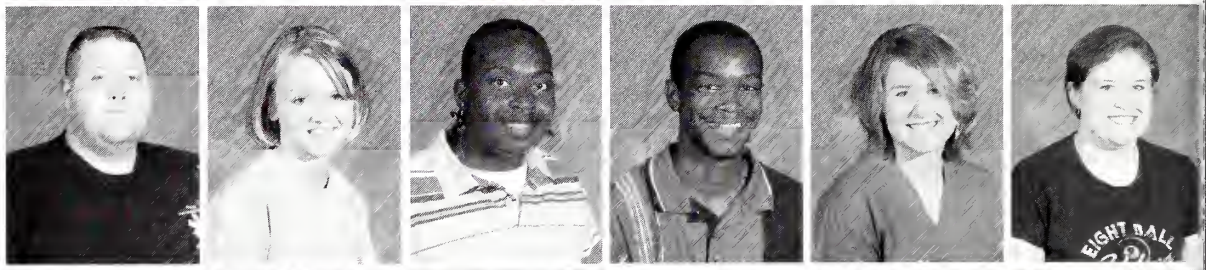
Lacey Trut
Elizabeth Tullos



Elleen Turner
Ginger Vance
Ginger Walker
Amber Wall
Anna Waltman
Laurie Wand

Tanya Watkins
Keith Watts
Jessica Wheaton
Bryon Whitley
Mary Williams
Jennifer Williams

Shavon Willis
Clarissa Wilson
Mandy Wilson
Brook Winstead
Brent Winstead
Shaletha Wodle

Rachel Wooten
Courtney Yates
Sarah York
Tiah York

What are your plans after East Central?

"For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you, not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future."

--Jeremiah 29:11

Derick Jenkins

I am going to transfer to Ole Miss and get a BS in information systems.

Jessica Sheehan

I will go to Mississippi State and become a teacher.

Larry Mitchell

I plan to go to USM and major in computer engineering.

Bryan Doss

I'll be in college somewhere majoring in secondary education.

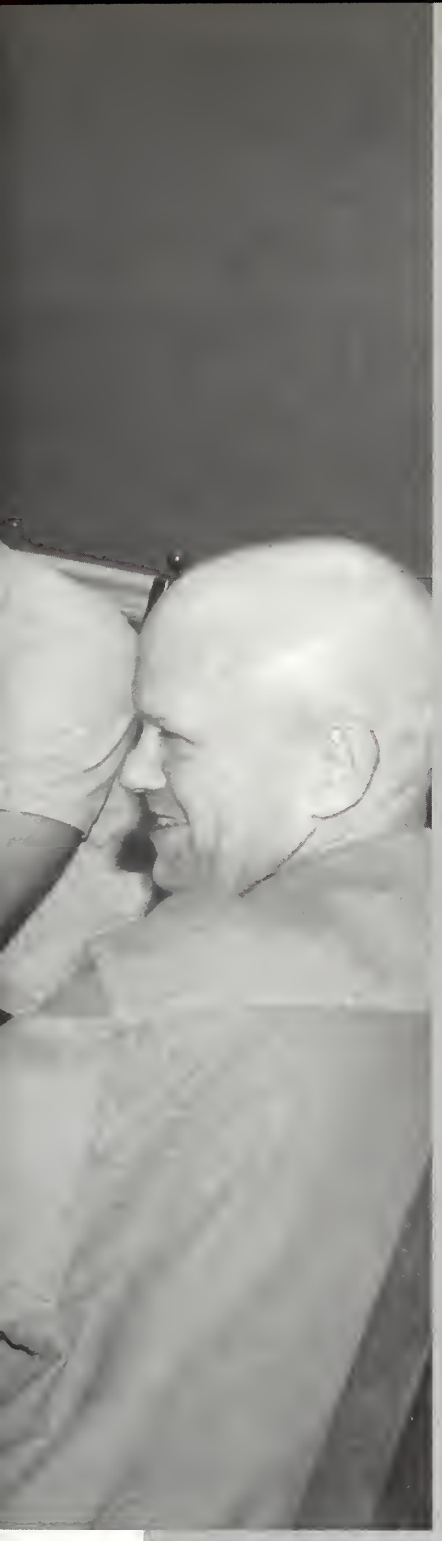
Anna Waltman

I am moving to Hattiesburg this fall to attend USM.

The welcome back week picnic and pep rally brought out the school spirit in everyone, including Brad Sutphin.

Sophomores Marcia McMillan, Stevie Smith, and Erin Yelverton wait in line outside the book store to sell their books back.

School organizations and activities are an important way to get students involved while attending a community college. Unlike high school, most of the students do not know each other and may feel uncomfortable living in an unfamiliar atmosphere. The best way to overcome these worries is to get the students to interact with one another. Through a wide variety of organizations, East Central offers many opportunities to become an important asset to the college. At the same time, students are able to meet people they may have otherwise overlooked and make lifelong friends. Some of East Central's



Organizations

Led by Mr. Joe Killens, the SBA officers take time to share a few laughs before starting their discussion at one of the monthly meetings.

organizations focus on students' academic or vocational interests. Others allow students to pursue common goals and serve others. EC's performing groups give students the chance to let their talents and abilities shine. Each organization plays a vital role in maintaining the welcoming atmosphere East Central is known for. Each individual that makes up these organizations not only betters himself or herself, but also increases East Central's reputation as a friendly school full of opportunity.

~Flame Reese

Preparing for the Future

The future - that's what students are concerned about. That's why they are even here at East Central - to ready themselves for future success. The academic and vocational organizations at this school do just that; they help prepare the students who join them for life outside the boundaries of East Central Community College.

They do so by providing knowledge of a specific field. They do so by giving students a chance to lead, think, and serve. They help students build fundamental skills needed to succeed in the workplace.

Many of these organizations provide a bridge into the professional organizations students will later join. Many give students insight into issues and real-life problems they will one day face.

Though varied, the academic and vocational clubs at this school offer students a common benefit - a solid chance at a positive future.

~ Even Snell

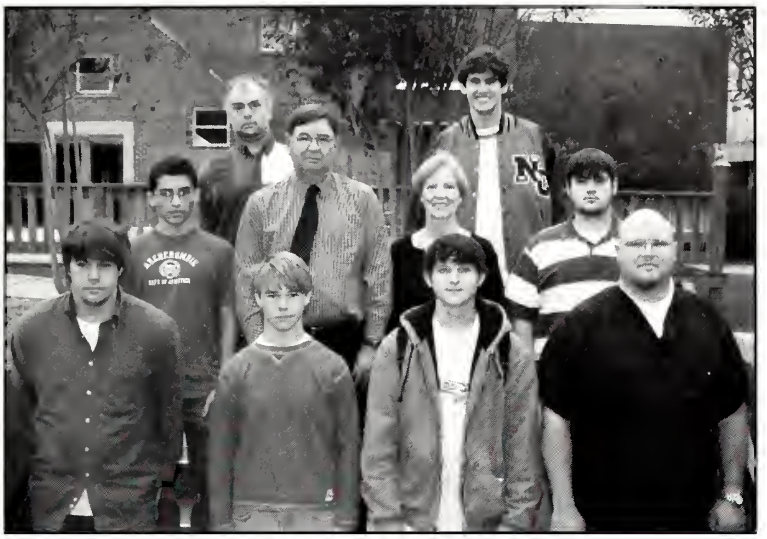
"As an engineering major, I enjoy meeting with those who share my interests. AAE also keeps me informed about my chose field."
Jay Patrick

"Mu Alpha Theta gives me the chance to meet with fellow students who enjoy math and share some of my same goals and ambitions."
Lee Anne Rawson

"SEA informs me of the requirements that are needed to be an educator. I also get to fellowship with people in my major and learn more about the field."
Anthony Stanford

Gaining experience with children is what the child development program and its organization PASTE is all about. Stephanie Hawkins interacts with kids at EC's daycare program.

Phi Theta Kappa sponsored a number of activities throughout the school year, including this mock presidential election. Ginger Vance and Courtnee Graham are ready to explain the voting process to potential voters.



Alpha Alpha Epsilon

Alpha Alpha Epsilon is an organization for students majoring in pre-engineering or industrial arts. It stimulates interest in these professions and provides the opportunity to make further study of engineering and industrial arts opportunities in allied fields. Advisors are Haywood Reeves and Gloria McRae.

Row 1: Phillip Savell, Casey Shackelford, Pat Burke, Jay Franklin. **Row 2:** Roberto Orellana, Haywood Reeves- Advisor, Gloria McRae- Advisor, Jason Weatherford. **Row 3:** Scott Duett, Kurt Nelson.

Mu Alpha Theta

Mu Alpha Theta seeks to encourage a keener interest in mathematics. The club's activities help develop sound scholarship in the subject and promote enjoyment of mathematics among its members. Advisors are Sue Ford and Gail Fulton.

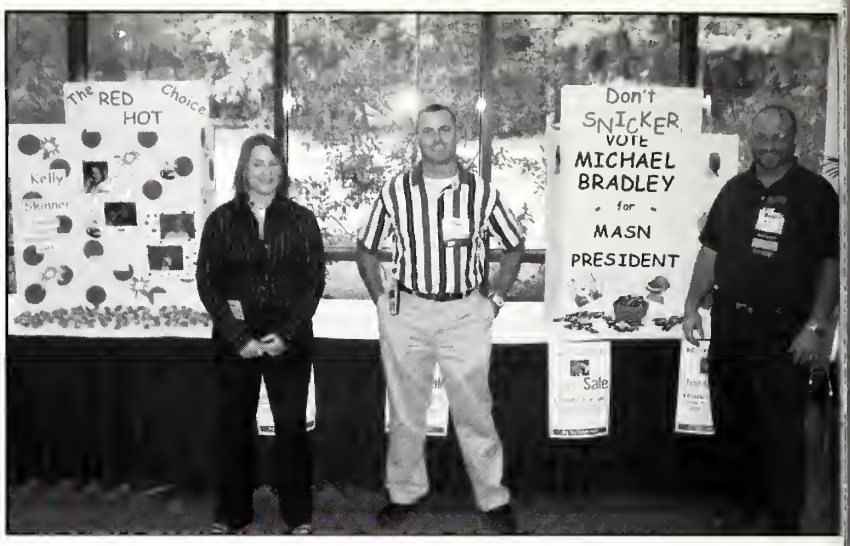
Row 1: Latisa Stewart, Angela Lyon, Jennie Vance, Sarah Himebrook, Ashley Nicholson **Row 2:** Larita Bates, Heather Clearman, Shana Smith, Holly Jackson, Kimberly Coley. **Row 3:** Lee Anne Rawson, Anthony Stanford, Ashley Clark, Sue Ford - Advisor. **Row 4:** Heath Smylie, Anna Price, Amy Ealy, Gail Fulton - Advisor.

Student Education Association

SEA , an organization for students preparing for careers in education, provides vital information on a variety of educational issues and gives its members practical experience in both teacher-student and teacher-teacher relations. Advisor is Lucille Wood.

Row 1: Ronda Stroud, Kimberly Coley, Marissa Shannon, Frances McLawrin. **Row 2:** Megan Jones, Anthony Stanford, Ama Burns, Rachael Sullivan. **Row 3:** Brandy Jones, Nedrick Patrick, Jennifer Cleveland.

Kelly Skinner, David Fryery, and Michael Bradley stand in front of their booths displaying flavorful catchphrases in hopes of gaining votes.



Jodi Patridge and Lola Beckham are happy to get a break from clinicals and lectures while attending the MASN conference.

Association of Student Nurses - East Central

ASNEC is a constituent of the National Student Nurses' Association, Inc. (NSNA). The organization promotes and encourages participation in community affairs and activities towards improved health care and related social issues. It also serves to influence healthcare and practice through legislative activities. Advisors are Cynthia Odom and Betsy Mann.

First Year ASNEC students - Row 1: Michelle Bondie, Courtney Dorsett, Kathy Pettigrew, Terri Graham, Nicole Douglas, Autumn Traxler, Kristin Taylor, Lesley Whitehead, Dana Boone, Jessica Boswell. **Row 2:** Joanna Page, Shonda Nowell, Brandi Patterson, Dawn Hunt, Sonia Rodriguez, Bethany Garrison, Sarah Martin, Fran Stevenson. **Row 3:** Shamra White, LaShara Jones, Rhonda Miller, Charles Quinn, Wynette Bradley, Leigh Ann Thrash, Sonya Hardage, Melissa Webb, Mandy Comans. **Row 4:** Casey Lancaster, Kristin Clark, David Fryery, Erin Plunkett, Anya Dickerson, LaShonda Foster, Reneika McDonald, Ashley Harrell, Gary Barnett.

Second Year ASNEC students - Row 1: Mildred Cole, Erin Nowell, Sonja Mansell, Gloria Buffington, Lola Beckham, Rebecca Jones, Janeen Kyzar, Janice Fortune, Kacey Bender, Precious Moorehead. **Row 2:** Veronica Harrison, Tammy McMurry, Gina Nazary, Melissa Mayo, Martha Boswell, Carla Chamblee, Rochelle Reid, Stacy Harris, Heather Kelly, Debbie Poole. **Row 3:** Alan Krasewski, Susan Ellington, Kristi Partridge, Rhonda Moore, Staci Mann, Teresa Sharp, Jennifer McDonald, Robert, McPherson. **Row 4:** Jay Gipson, Dana Roberson, Rachael Thaggard, Carol Marie Brown, Kellie Moore, Brooke Dorman, Lora Jayroe, Jodi Partridge, Stephen Goodlow. **Row 5:** Donna Clark, Randy Peoples, Jackie Tharp, Tom Beyette, Neil Knight, Lance Sigrest, Michael Bradley.

ASNEC students participated in the ASNEC Charity Walk in the fall. Greta Butts, Carri Myers, Susan Ellington, and Shana Graham enjoy themselve while raising money for a good cause.

"ASNEC is an organization built for and by student nurses that gives us the structure and focus to work as a team to accomplish goals for the health and wellness of the community."
Alan Krajewski

"I enjoy being a member of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau because of the experience and the great amount of knowledge I have acquired."
Valerie Gibbs

"I enjoy being a member of SIFE because I am able to help others and gain experience."
William Tingle

Row 1: Rhonda Thompson, Casey Nelson, Marlo Hollingsworth, Shannon Brock, Keyanda Stokes, Julie DeBord-Vice President, Valerie Gibbs-President, Dacie Brantley. **Row 2**: Sunny Russell, Elizabeth Harris, Jessica Kristen Fairchild, Kathryn Barney, Amanda McMillan, Jaimee Jones, Sarah Himebrook, Candace Copeland. **Row 3:** Daniel Parker, Scott Russell, Mary Barton, Kristie Usry, Amanda Dowell, Kristen Boyles, Ashely Hillman, Veronica Larkin. **Row 4:** Daniel Marshall, Rick Lachney, Kurt Nelson, Ryan Stewart, Heath Smylie, Hyman Stovall, Ron Davis-Advisor.

Sigma Sigma Mu Tau

Sigma Sigma Mu Tau is an academic organization designed to assist students who a pursuing a major in a medical field. The club presents programs on medical opportunities, conducts tours of surrounding hospitals, and provides its members with information from schools concerning further medical studies. Advisor is Ron Davis.

Row 1: Albertiha Laster, Kevin Hatch, Latisa Stewart, Elizabeth Hutchinson, James Smith, Marcia McMillan **Row 2:** Eric Burgains, Natalie Tatum, William Tingle, Krystal Hunter, Grant Comans, Eric Beckham, Heath Manning, Josh Moore.

Students in Free Enterprise

SIFE is an organization for students interested in business careers. It offers its members the opportunity to develop leadership, teamwork, and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise. Advisor is Wanda Hurley.

"Scholar's Bowl has been a great opportunity got me to learn new things as well as refine things I may have forgotten. I have met new people and made lasting memories. It has helped me become a well-rounded person."
Elizabeth Puckett

"Phi Theta Kappa gives students a chance to enhance their leadership abilities and enhance their capabilities of serving their school, community, and society. And . . . it's fun!"
Faith Hessenius

Scholars Bowl

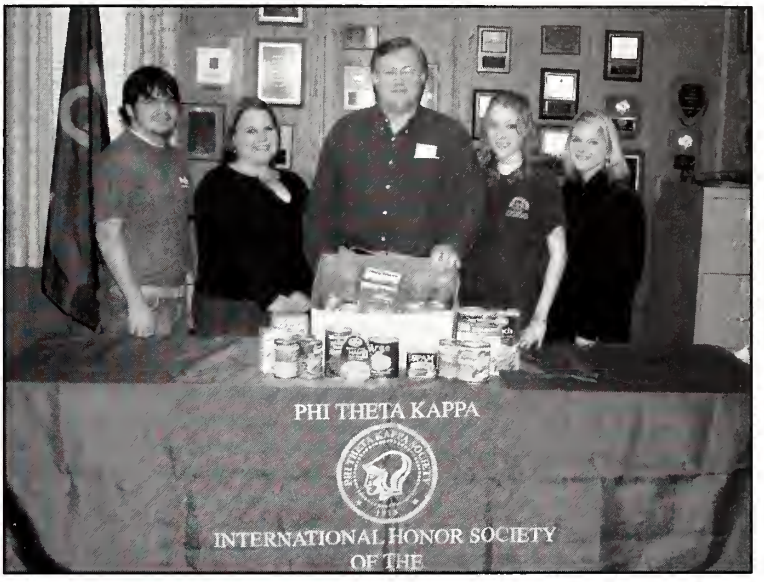
Scholars Bowl is an organization for academically talented students who enjoy matching wits with their peers at community colleges across the state. Students with high ACT scores and intellectual curiosity vie with each other in the fall for a spot on the competitive team that participates in the South Mississippi and the University of Mississippi Scholars Bowl competitions. Team members are questioned in the areas of science, mathematics, humanities, fine arts, and social sciences. Advisor is Dr. Linda Lane.

Row 1: Anthony Engram, Elizabeth Puckett, Mollie Cieglo. **Row 2:** Brad Cook Jordan Kemp, Andrew Kirkland.

A quick finger is a must at a Scholars Bowl competition! Warming up before beginning the NAQT tournament at Southwest Mississippi Community College. Mollie Cieglo, Anthony Ingram, and Elizabeth Puckett smile confidently as they prepare to buzz in.

Dr. Phil Sutphin helps members of PTK place colorful ribbons in memory or honor of cancer victims on a Christmas tree in the lobby administration building. Ginger Vance, Shana Smith, PTK president Courtnee Graham, and Ashley Nicholson join him in adding the nearly 200 ribbons purchased by students and college personnel. Proceeds from the fundraiser benefitted the American Cancer Society.

A box full of canned goods and other items were donated to the Neshoba County Baptist Center in Philadelphia by members of Phi Theta Kappa. Center director Mike Smith accepts the items from Brian Sibley, Ginger Vance, Shana Smith, and Ashley Nicholson.



Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honorary society of the two-year college. It is designed to promote scholarship, develop character, and cultivate fellowship among academically superior students. East Central's chapter, Theta Xi, earned the distinction of winning one of four awards given at the 2005 Regional Convention - the Service Hallmark Award. Courtnee Graham also received a Gold Medallion Award for her work as chapter president. PTK advisors are Debbie Boyd and Sylvia Wright.

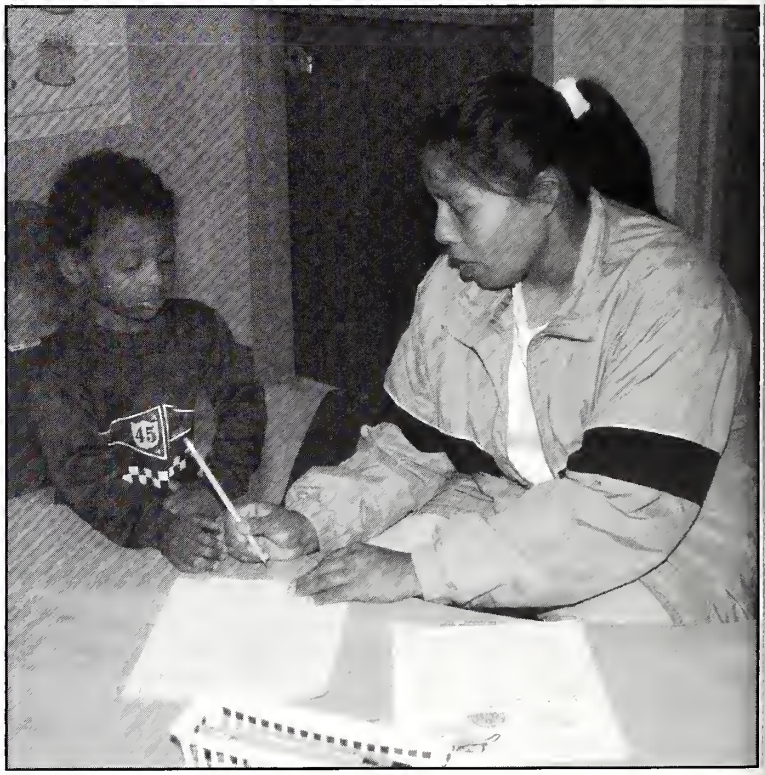
Row 1: Shana Smith, Ashley Nicholson, Amy Ealy, Rachel Edwards. **Row 2:** Anthony Stafford, Lindsey Knight, Faith Hessenius, Dru Fulton. **Row 3:** Ginger Vance, Sawana Jones, Lori Horton, Marvis Douglas. **Row 4:** Chasity Odom, Sara Hickox, Heather Clearman, Victoria Loper, Tanya Watkins. **Row 5:** Chris Hyman, Courtnee Graham, David Bayles, Heath Smylie. **Row 6:** Sylvia Wright - Advisor, Joseph Latham, Debbie Boyd - Advisor, Cris Rush.

Phi Beta Lambda

Phi Beta Lambda is a national professional nonprofit business organization for college students. Active involvement in Phi Beta Lambda keeps members current and abreast of trends, issues, challenges, and changes within the business world. Advisors are Christy Ferguson and Kelly Cluff.

Row 1: Yolanda Hickman, Tasha Charlie, Jamaica Hernandez, Tabatha Charlie, Lori McMullan, Leslie Hollingsworth, Eileen Turner, Tiffany Willis, Romeka D. Smith, Veronica Holmes. **Row 2:** Nolan Burchfield, Becky Garrison, Kimberly Anderson, Kelley Ainsworth, Katie Chunn, Rebecca Embrey, Cris Rush, Joseph Lathem, Brad Walton, Ken Webster, Jeffery Davis. **Row 3:** Wade Hollingswoth, Jose Castillo, Brandie London, Lonnie Henry, Alexa Carr, Casey Moore, Ron Foley, Hester Knight, Casey Griffin, Fran Warmack, Kelly Cluff-Advisor.

Jeffery Davis and Christy Ferguson sale Beanie Babies to raise money for cancer research.Phi Beta Lambda members actively participate in service projects throughout the year .



PASTE member Victoria Billy helps a preschooler as he begins to learn to write his numbers.

Row 1: James Boykin - advisor, Bill Wilson advisor, Trey White, LaNorris Houston, Jr., Tywon Davis, Perry S. Truss, Curtis L. Hudnall, Kizzy L. Miller, Samantha Partridge, Crystal Tull, Melton York, James D. Savage, Josh Garrett, Josh Avant, Gerald Jordan, advisor. **Row 2:** Richard Burton, Chris Anderson, Joel Morris, Walter Fillingane, Weyman Reece, Anthony Prior, Eric Bunytn, Blaine Chesney, Robert Hardy, Donald Ferris, Jonathan Brand, Eric Madden, Clinton Harmon, Danny Gressett, advisor. **Row 3:** David Bayles, David Black, Josh Cumberland, Danny J. Johnson, David Gatewood, Jared Weir, Keith Johnson, Alvin Coleman, Buster Bragdon, Jonathan Sawyer, Stan Wells, Jared Lanier, Ryan Kennedy. **Row 4:** Lucas Little, John Creekmore, Josh Kelly, Coty Stokes.Dustin Johnson, Butch Coghlan, Kenneth Anderson, Jonathan Hudson, William Gilbert, Joe Dertinger, Danny Cain, Patrick Spence, Lee Dooley, Jonathan Walker.

Skills USA

Skills USA is a national organization serving members enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled, and service occupations. The organization prepares America's high performance workers by providing quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. Career-technical instructors share advising duties.

Row 1: Pam Carter, Jamieshia Hawkins, Jeania Clayton, Mary Ann Wright, advisor, Demetrice Goss. **Row 2:** Jennifer Raybon, Victoria Billy, Shatwaka Ooten, Stephanie Hawkins, Kizzy Miller, Aleatrice Goss.

Post-Secondary Association of Students and Teachers of Early Childhood Education

PASTE provides a means for persons interested in young children to work together to increase their knowledge of early childhood education, bring relevant issues about the needs of young children to the attention of the public, and improve the health and educational standards for group care of children. Advisor is Mary Ann Wright.

"Participating in the competitive events and the many community service projects has not only been fun, but has also helped me develop a more confident set of business and communication skills that I can use throughout the rest of my life." **Cris Rush**

"Skills USA provides me with the expreience and training I will need to pursue my career in electrical engineering.The things I learn will be priceless to me in my future. " **Josh Garrett**

"Being a part of PASTE is a wonderful opportunity. Just a smile from children gives me a feeling of instant gratification. I'm able to work with and help children; that's why I am a part of this organization." **Jeania Clayton**

Baptist Student Union

The BSU seeks to reach for the Christian life through worship, Bible study, missions, conferences, retreats, and personal witness. The activities are promoted through the Baptist Student Center across the street from campus.

Row 1: David Prewitt, Scott Vaughn - Director, William McNeel, Dru Fulton, Zac Richardson, Taylor Nichols, Rachel Stephens, Ashley Clark, Lee Anne Rawson, Jessica Sheehan, Lindsey McKay. **Row 2:** Joey Lang - Associate Director, Courtney Averett, Sandy Guess, Andrea Jay, Lauren Beckham, Crystal Watkins, Lynlee Healy, Micah Lanier, Anna Price, Ronda Stroud, Rick Lachney, Ryan Loper, Jaimee Jones. **Row 3:** Clay Reynolds, Eric Watkins, Deidre Coleman, Kellie McGee, Meagan Mills, Brian Sibley, Heather Clearman, Chris Ryals, Nick Robinson, Amy Kennedy, Cassidy Crenshaw, Caleb Shepard. **Row 4:** Joseph Lathem, Daniel Wood, Josh Crowson, Michael Brown, John Walton, Adam Bobo, Brian Deel, Josh Miller, Erik Latham, Daniel Merchant, Adam Duvall.

Wesley Foundation

The Wesley Foundation, sponsored by the United Methodist Church, is a fellowship of college students who desire to enrich and deepen their Christian experiences and become more Christ-like through worship, Bible study, prayer and personal work.

Row 1: Josh Miller, Johnny Crosby - Director, Greg Pillsbury, Sandy Guess, Anna Price, Britney Edwards, Danielle Barrett, Gail Fulton - Advisor, Sue Ford - Advisor. **Row 2:** Josh Crowson, Megan Harrell, Kasey Hall, Stephanie Pace, Ronda Stroud, Micah Lanier, William Deel, Tosha Boswell, Sadi Morin, Lauren Beckham. **Row 3:** Wade Hollingsworth, William McNeel, Fran Warmack, Kellie Jo McGee, Ashley Clark, Meagan Mills, Lynlee Healy, Adam Duvall, Lee Anne Rawson, Andrea Day, Brad Sutphin, Coty Cox. **Row 4:** Daniel Wood, Bud Loper, Nick Robinson, Casey Griffin, Lee Pittman, Erik Latham, Mike Fondren, Rick Lachney, Taylor Nichols, Adam Bobo, Andy Chambers.

Pressing on toward the Prize

At a January meeting of 8:31, Lynlee Healy and Cassidy Crenshaw provide music for Victoria Loper, Daniel Merchant, and Dru Fulton as they lead in worship.

For the students who wish to fellowship with other believers, three religious organizations are available on campus for students to take part in. Although no student is obligated to participate, many count it as a privilege to belong to these groups which enable them to meet students with common beliefs and share their faith with others. The BSU helps students do this by gathering at 8:31 on Monday nights for a time of worship. They also takes pride in their praise team, "The Way," which goes to various churches in the surrounding communities to spread the gospel message through music, drama, testimony, and interpretive movement. The Wesley Foundation also strives to help promote the Christian values to students at EC. The Methodist based organization holds a free lunch on Tuesdays for students to come together and listened to encouraging speakers. Although not pictured here, another Christian organization on campus is the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The members of this group share a common trait--they each know the pressures that being an athlete can bring. They come together occasionally for breakfast to fellowship with one another. This organization, as well as BSU and Wesley, encourages all students, no matter what their religious background to join them as they forget what is behind, reach for what is ahead, and press on toward the goal for the prize ahead of them.

~Anna Waltman

Students enjoy hot lasagna on a cold November day at a Wesley Foundation lunch.

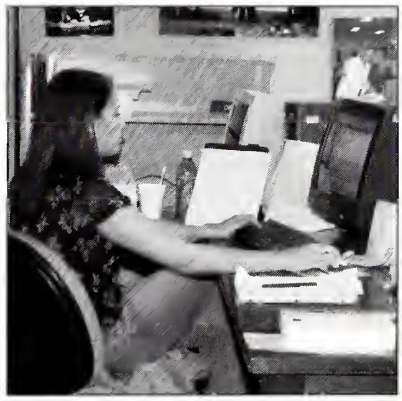
"Being a part of the BSU is the greatest thing I am involved in. In the BSU you make awesome new friends that will last forever and grow closer to God."
John Walton

"Being involved in the Wesley Foundation has been a very worthwhile experience. I've never been so blessed with this many friends."
Brad Sutphin

Preserving the Year

In years to come, the present students at East Central will look back on their college days and long to relive those few moments of opportunity and excitement. The only solid objects they will have to remember those times by are pictures and written documents. That is why the college newspaper, *The Tom-Tom*, and the yearbook, the *Wo-He-Lo*, are crucial to the students of East Central. Through these publications, students are able to forever live those precious memories again and again. Whether it was the game where they scored the winning point, the dance where they met their spouse, or a club that opened up new possiblities for them, publications are the only way to preserve that moment as it actually was. It is not based on foggy memories and vague accounts of an event. *The Tom-Tom* and the *Wo-He-Lo* staff members dedicate the time and effort to make each memory worth cherishing.

~Flame Reese



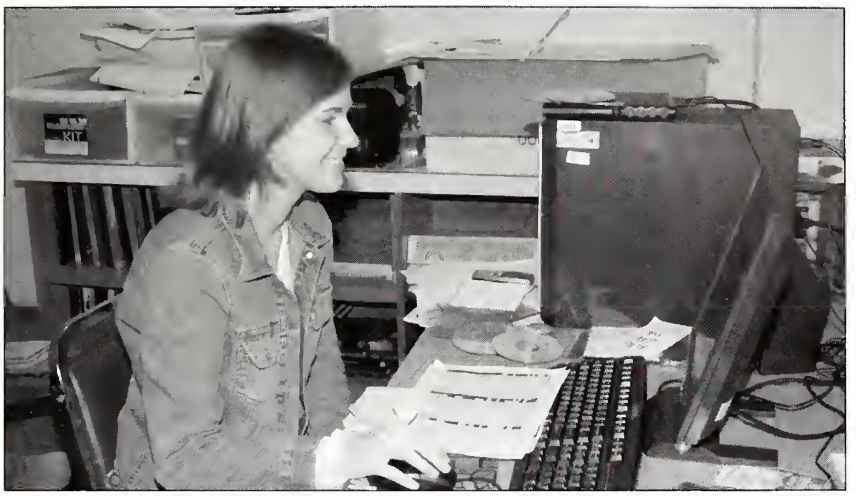
Diana Eggler looks for a file on the computer so she can begin typing in cutlines for a *Tom-Tom* picture.

Head writer Even Snell writes captions for a basketball spread.

"Being editor this year has been challenging, but very rewarding. Using the computer has been a definite plus, and I'm excited about the changes we've made."
Anna Waltman

"The best part about being *Tom-Tom* editor is knowing that I can help enlighten students about what's going on around campus."
Brad Cook

Meghan Moulds makes a list of possible pictures to use on the "Haunted House of Hoops" pages.



Although it's crunchtime, Anna Waltman keeps a smile on her face as she builds a spread on Adobe PageMaker, the new program used this year to create the yearbook.

Wo-He-Lo Staff

The yearbook staff works to capture the year through pictures, captions, and informative articles. Students receive the *Wo-He-Lo* each spring as a record of their time at EC. Advisor is Paige Case.

Ardria Harris, Even Snell, Jeremy Clark, Paige Case - Advisor, Anna Waltman, Shannon Brock. **Not pictured:** Meghan Moulds, Flame Reese, and Maria Gusman.

Tom-Tom Staff

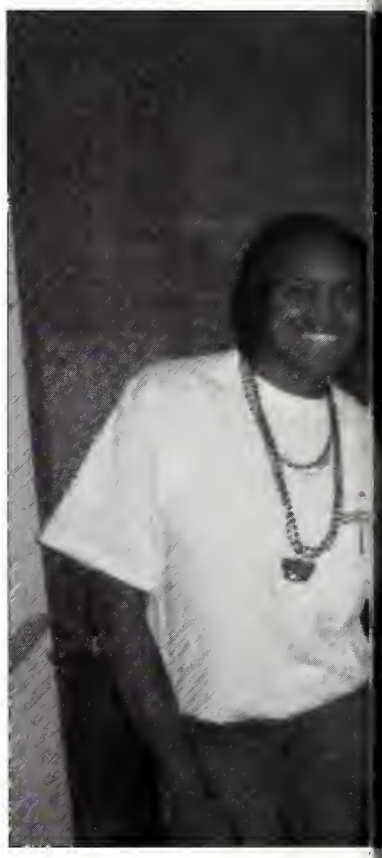
The Tom-Tom is the official campus newspaper. Staff members gain valuable experience in journalism as they produce six issues a year. Advisors are Bubby Johnston and Maria McLeod.

Danielle Barrett, Brad Cook, and Aly Burton. **Not pictured:** Jeremy Clark and Diana Eggler.

Student Body Association

Composed of student body officers and representatives from each class, the SBA plans and implements the entertaining activities that make life on campus more enjoyable. Members also serve as liaisons between their fellow students and campus administration. Advisor is Joe Killens.

Row 1: Kurt Nelson, Joy Cavenaugh, Jaimee Jones, Clancy Cleveland, Kristen Taylor, Ashley Clark, Shay Moncrief, Amy Ealy. **Row 2:** Sharli Moulds, Brian Sibley, Daphanie Hatcher.



Residence Hall Council

The purpose of this organization is to assist the Director of Student Life in supervising the dormitories. The residence hall council is made up of resident assistants and other at-large members. Advisor is Brent Gregory.

Row 1: Brad Hill, Lindsey Walker, Faith Hessenius. **Row 2:** Bryon Whitley, Matt Brown, Ben Clark.

President's Council

This organization establishes better communications between the student organizations on campus and the President's office. Members meet with Dr. Sutphin and Mr. Killens monthly to discuss activities.

Row 1: A. Momit Abi Bell, Courtnee Graham, Kelli Jo McGee Dr. Phil Sutphin, Jordan Kemp, Ben Clark. **Row 2:** Brad Sutphin, Kimberly Coley, Ashley Luckett, Samantha Partridge, Rachel Edwards, Mallory Thompson, Brandi Durant, Jessica Creekmore, Kristin Taylor, Valerie Gibbs, Jess Davis. **Row 3:** Jeania Clayton, Sarah York, Brad Cook, Kurt Nelson, Alan Krajewski, Victoria Loper, Sarah Hickox.

Practicing Leadership

Communication between students and school officials is vital to maintaining a smoothly running campus. Organizations such as the Student Body Association, Residence Hall Council, and President's Council help keep the communication flowing by placing students in direct contact with school officials. Together they work out some of ECCC's concerns. This gives school officials insight into how the student body feels. It also provides the students with valuable chances to exercise their leadership skills. Officers learn to communicate with others, tackle tough issues, and get things done.

~ Even Snell

The SBA planned many unique activites for EC's student body, including a celebration of Mardi Gras. Officers Amy Ealy, Shay Moncrief, Jaimee Jones, and Keeley Morgan show the event's t-shirts, as well traditional Mardi Gras masks and beads.

At the January meeting of the President's Council, Rachel Edwards, president of ECEC, and Ashley Nicholson, a spring musical cast member, share ideas.

"This is my first year as an SBA officer, and I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet and work with different people. It's been fun planning various campus activities."
Sharli Moulds

"My job is fun because I get to help both Mr. Brent Gregory and Mrs. May in Jackson Hall. Many times dorm students will come to me for help, and I enjoy that."
Brandi Bradford

"President's Council is a great organization to be involved in. Not only does it allow all the club presidents to be recognized by their peers, but it also gives a chance to exchange ideas and keep up with the activities around campus."
Courtnee Graham

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Pursuing Common Goals

Some groups simply do not belong in any specific category. Instead, these organizations stand out from the crowd. They draw together large groups of people who have like interests and help them to pursue their goals. For example, New Directions gives non-traditional students the opportunity to gather and temoprarily escape from the sea of younger students they normally find themselves surrounded by. ECEC is made up of students who share a common concern for environmental issues. Members of the Warrior Corps work towards the same objective - to promote East Central. These and other groups may not belong under one specific category, but their purposes are ones worth pursuing.

~ Even Snell

"New Directions has given me the opportunity to meet and become friends with several other non-traditional students. It's nice to know I'm not alone at EC."
Rachael Sullivan

"I believe it is important to better yourself as human beings. We need to be a part of things. After all, it's a start of something big."
A. Momit Abi Bell

21 or Bust- SADD is asking area businesses to bust those under the legal drinking age who try to buy alcohol. Advisor Tanya Boler explains the procedures for implementing the campaign to Julie DeBord.

Taking a break from their canoeing, Sharon LeJeune, Rachel Edwards , Krystal Hunter, and Joe Johnson enjoy the waterfall at Dunn's Falls during ECEC's annual canoe trip.

SADD

The aim of this organization, Students against Destructive Decisions, is to provide progress for young people with a commitment, to resolve the problem of drinking and driving. Advisor is Tanya Boler.

Joy Cavenaugh, Julie DeBord, Allison McDaniel, Danielle Barrett, and Brian Sibley.

New Directions

Students over the age of 24 are steadily increasing in number. Many times students returning to school after having been out of high school for several years want to talk to others in an informal setting. This organization seeks to provide that forum. Advisor is Marc McCool.

Row 1: Brandi Griffin, Kizzy Miller, Michelle Monk, Rachael Sullivan. **Row 2:** Jennifer Cleveland, Barbara Hoskins, Yvonne Davis. **Row 3:** Latisa Stewart, Letha Carter, Tammy Killens, Antonia Torres.

Native American Club

Comprised of Native American students, this organization seeks to provide a support group and means for expressing concerns. Advisors are Gloria Johnson and Gail Wood.

Row 1: A. Momit Abi Bell, Crystal Frazier, Jamaica Hernandez, Ramsey King. **Row 2:** Jonathan Williamson, Karla Jim, Kara Williams, Yogi Willis. **Row 3:** Kathleen Chitto, April Jim, Kimberly Anderson, Gabriel Chickaway. **Row 4:** Donald Ferris, Melton York, Jordan York, Alex Dixon.

"I love being in ECEC because we help others and the environment and at the same time have lots of fun and great adventures."
Rachel Edwards

"The best thing about being a Diamond Girl is being able to meet people that I would have otherwise never met."
Carmelita Naylor

Diamond Girls

Being a Diamond Girl gives girls interested in baseball an opportunity to become a part of the ECCC baseball program. Diamond Girls provide encouragement for the players and offer assistance at home ballgames.

Row 1: Tasha Boswell, Kenya Boyd, Amy Kennedy, Ronda Stroud, and Shana Smith. **Row 2:** Daphanie Hatcher, Shay Moncrief, Anna Price, and Lee Anne Rawson. **Row 3:** Lindsey Clark, Kristi Keene, Mary Catherine Hunt, and Meagan Mills. **Row 4:** Kelli Evans, Tracy McMahan, Megan Slay, and Amanda McMillan. **Row 5:** Sherrell Brown, Aly Burton, and Jessica Fairchild. **Row 6:** Ashley Nichols, Keeley Morgan, Hali Rainer, and Jennifer Key. **Row 7:** Jess Davis, Jennifer Moore, Angela Momon, and Carmelita Naylor.

Row 1: Lynlee Healy, Toccara Jones, Anna Price, Ronda Stroud. **Row 2:** Haley Knight, LeeAnne Rawson, Jaimee Jones, Erin Smith **Row 3:** Mrs. Sharon Lejeune, Ben Clark, Rachel Edwards, Ashley Clark, Krystal Hunter, Mr. Joe Johnson.

East Central Environmental Club

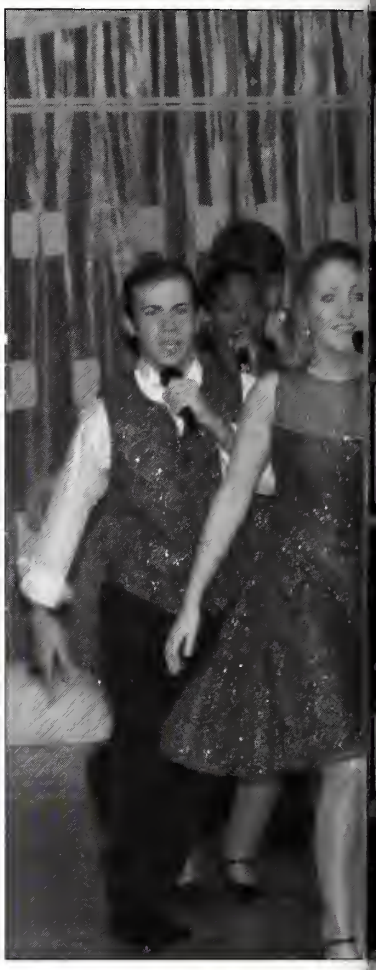
The purpose of ECEC is to promote environmental awareness among its members and the community, to promote and encourage recycling, and to become an active part of the environmental network and the community. To accomplish these goals, ECEC meets once a month, either for club business or to collect materials for recycling. ECEC also raises money for field trips for its members. Advisors are Joe Johnson and Sharon LeJeune.

Warrior Corps

The Warrior Corps is an elite group of students chosen by a special selection committee to represent East Central with recruiting endeavors and special events. These students must reflect the character and integrity of East Central Community College. Advisors are Michael Alexander, Christy Gregory, and Lanette Hanna.

Row 1: Abby Miller, Lindsay Walker, Beth Crotwell, Joy Cavenaugh, Marley Smith, Ashley Nicholson, Anna Price, Jaimee Jones, and Kristin Bufkin. **Row 2:** Jennifer Johnson, Haley Harris, Sharli Moulds, Lauren Barrett, Ashley Clark, Lee Anne Rawson, Ronda Stroud, Megan Jones, and Misty Mayes. **Row 3:** Madison Brantley, Amy Ealy, Deidre Coleman, Brian Sibley, Stephanie Culpepper, Lauren Jones, Keely Morgan, and Victoria Goodman. **Row 4:** Kevin Brown, Shane Patterson, Taylor Nichols, Clancy Cleveland, Kurt Nelson, Keith Edwards, Kevin Gregory, and Tiffany Willis. **Not pictured:** Todd Body, Mollie Cieglo, Elizabeth Puckett, Courtnee Graham, Daphanie Hatcher, Jordan Kemp, Heather Steele, Rick Lachney, Holly Jackson, Jessica Sheehan, Jason Long,Tracy McMahan, Hali Rainer, Shay Moncrief, and Brandi Patterson.

Practice makes perfect. Long hours of rehearsal pay off as the Ac'cents deliver a stunning performance.



A pulsating beat from the drumline helps keep the crowd pumped during a halftime performance.

Swamped with wedding plans, father of the bride Chris Spears finds himself on the phone discussing details of his daugther's big day.

Performing with Style

For some performers at East Central, there is no greater thrill than the one received the moment the curtain is pulled back and they proudly showcase their talents. For other performing groups, such as the marching band, their thrill comes when they step out on the field during halftime to entertain bleachers full of Warrior football fans. Performing groups at EC all bring different kinds of talent to the stage for their audiences to enjoy. The Collegians fill the auditorium with top 40 hits that bring enthusiastic fans to their feet. Member of Ac'cents showcase their synchronized steps as they sing to lively numbers. In elaborate costumes, the EC Players take the stage twice a year to demonstrate their acting skills. The concert and gospel choirs spend hours practicing their songs before the audiences hear their perfect harmony. Whether they are on a stage or on a field, in front of dozens or hundreds, all of the performers at East Central truly entertain us with style.

~Anna Waltman

Being in showchoir was the absolute highlight of my high school years, so naturally, being able to continue my love for singing and dancing in college is in itself a wonderful feeling. However, it goes much deeper than that. The times I've had in Ac'cents will live on in me for the rest of my life. There's nothing like walking onto that stage with the bright lights shining on you and hundreds of excited listeners awaiting your performance. Each and every member fulfills a vital role in this group, and over the semesters, relationships made with those members will last a lifetime. I personally thank Mrs. Vicki Blaylock and EC for allowing me the chance to go to college and have a blast while I'm doing it.

Victoria Loper

Concert Choir

East Central's concert choir, under the direction of Mr. Len Bobo and Dr. Chris Jenkins, performs four-part choral music of various styles and periods. The choir performs a fall and spring concert each year on campus and also attends the Mississippi Junior/Community College Choral Festival.

These young men in the chamber choir, made up of select members of the concert choir, perform at the DAR luncheon in the Mabry Cafeteria Gold Room.

At piano: Len Bobo, pianist . **Row 1:** Beth Faulkner and Amanda Sanders, both of Carthage; Jason Price of Walnut Grove, Chris Smith of Union, Danie Merchant of Morton, Sam McDill of Decatur, Bryon Whitley of Philadelphia, Anthony Engram of Decatur, Caleb Cochran of Carthage, Gwen Ruffin of Newton Ginger Vance of Decatur and Jessica Cager of Union. **Row 2:** Dr. Chris Jenkins, director; Kimberly Fitzhugh of Philadelphia, Beth Richardson of Preston, A Momit Abi Bell of Philadelphia, Alex Thornton of Carthage, Grant Comans of Philadelphia, Will Pearson of Decatur, Daniel Towner of Meridian, Jeremy Gibbs of Forest, Kelly Jo McGee of Hickory, Dru Fulton of Louisville and Joanna Daugherty of Carthage. **Row 3:** Kailey Johnson of Decatur, Andrea Jay of Newton Jessica Creekmore of Louisville, Cassidy Crenshaw of Philadelphia, Jason Long of Carthage, Eddie Smith of Decatur, Derrick Morrison of Hickory, Dusty Walker of Hickory, Todd Body of Forest, Grant Morris and Angela Hardy, both of Philadelphia; Tracy McMahan of Union and Rebecca Embrey of Chunky. **Row 4** Meghan Moulds of Decatur, Sherrell Brown and Heather Crawford, both of Forest; Jenifer Vance of Morton, Victoria Loper of Decatur, Morgan Daugherty o Carthage, Krystine Harris of Sebastopol, Claire Stinson of Union and Liz Tullos of Philadelphia.

Collegians

One of the most popular audience-appeal groups at East Central, the Collegians perform on campus each spring and fall and take advantage of off-campus appearance opportunities as well. Led by Tom Carson, who also plays guitar, the select vocal/instrumental group performs songs from all elements of top 40 music.

Vocalists Luke Howell and Griff Misso delight fans at the fall concert.

The brass section gets its chance to shine. Chris Smith, Liz Tullos, Eric Henderson, and David Walters take center stage and show their talent.

Row 1: Bass guitarist Grant Morris of Philadelphia, vocalists Leigh Quick of Carthage, Griff Misso of Starkville, Luke Howell of Decatur, Carmelita Naylor of Meridian, and Kailey Johnson of Philadelphia; and guitarist Phillip Dickerson of Union. **Row 2:** Trumpeter Chris Smith of Union, keyboardist Jeremy Gibbs of Morton; trombonist David Walters of Philadelphia, technicians Jonathan Walker of Hickory, Joseph LeBlanc of Louisville, Lee Dooley of Lake, Jeremy Hamm of Union, Richard Burton of Little Rock and Bryon Whitley of Philadelphia; saxophonists Liz Tullos of Philadelphia and Eric Henderson of Forest; and drummer Jeremie Jordan of Newton. **Not pictured:** Vocalist Victoria Loper of Decatur and director Tom Carson.

Ac'cents

The Ac'cents are a select group of students who sing and dance to choreographed partner and solo musical numbers. Led by Vicki Blaylock, the ensemble is commonly composed of six males and six females. Performances are amazing, with singing, dancing, and a bit of acting all mixed together. The Ac'cents perform for on-campus concerts, civic clubs, and special events throughout the year.

Changing to a more casual look, Ac'cents members perform their closing number of the fall concert.

Filling the room with energy, Mollie Cieglo, Grant Comans, Victoria Loper, and Luke Howell dance to "Puttin' on the Ritz."

Row 1: Zach Logan of Newton, Felicia Chapman of Decatur, Kelly Bankston of Sebastopol, Victoria Loper of Decatur, Amy Kennedy of Forest and Bryon Whitley of Philadelphia. **Row 2:** Sam McDill and Eddie Smith, both of Decatur; JoAnna Daugherty of Carthage, Grant Comans of Sebastopol, Luke Howell of Decatur, Mollie Cieglo of Forest, Cassidy Crenshaw of Philadelphia and Anthony Engram of Decatur.

Gospel Choir

Participation in gospel choir gives students who are interested in gospel music a chance to participate in choral activities on campus and in the five county area. Performances are spirited and uplifting. The choir is directed by Brenda Johnson.

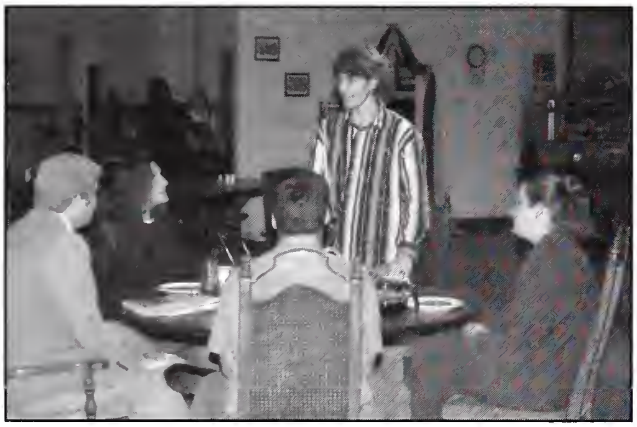
Under the direction of student conductor Nedrick Patrick, members of the gospel choir give their all during a fall concert.

Row 1: LaToya Coleman of Louisville, Frances McLaurin of Bay Springs, Brittany Triplett of Louisville, Nakecia Buckley of Philadelphia, Kenya Boyd of Morton, Olivia Barnes of Taylorsville, Stephanie Hord of Morton, Tiffeny Gilmore of Carthage, Jessica Cager of Morton and sponsor Brenda K. Johnson of Lawrence. **Row 2:** Milini Campbell of Newton, Jennifer Rabon of Carthage, Pamela Carter and Shunda Horne, both of Philadelphia; Perry Harris and Keyabda Stokes, both of Carthage; Anita Roberson of Louisville, John Gacklis of Carthage, Jessica Wash of Forest, Shaletha Wade of Nanih Waiya, and Nedrick Patrick of Carthage. **Row 3:** Eddie Smith of Decatur, Ardria Harris of Walnut Grove, Jackie Riddle of Louisville, Amy Ealy of Forest, Shay Moncrief of Newton, Stephanie Dennis of Philadelphia, Keith Watts of Forest, Ken Triplett of Louisville, Talisha Stewart of Walnut Grove, Carmelita Naylor of Meridian, Ashley Nichols of Morton, LaRita Bates of Noxapater, Shani Miller of Louisville and Portia Campbell of Newton. **Row 4:** Shumecka Carothers and Sophie Holmes, both of Philadelphia; Sara Stiles of Forest, Galathia Fortune, Latonya Hannah and Danielle Boyd, all of Carthage; Henry Parrott of Morton, William Davis of Kemper, Chris Kimbrough of Carthage, Aelena Patrick and Sherrell Brown, both of Forest; Tiffany Willis of Philadelphia, Alisha Perry of Ludlow and Macqualine Martin of Newton. **Row 5:** Santana Trotter of Laurel, Denise Brazzle and Jennifer Williams, both of Philadelphia; Erica Hunter of Union, Joy Harris and Ozzie MccMurtry, both of Carthage; Josh Moore and LaToya Triplett, both of Philadelphia; Marvis Douglas of Canton, Macganakia Latiker and Alexis Ricks, both of Carthage; Kimberly Wilson of Columbus and Devon Clay of Forest. **Not pictured:** Maranda Hart and Marcus Wise, both of Carthage; and Jeremie Jordan and Robert Watts, both of Newton.

East Central Players

East Central Players offers those interested in dramatics the opportunity to participate in various types of plays as an actor, student director, or member of the behind-the-scenes crew. Each year, the players present a dinner theater in the fall and musical in the spring. The 2004 fall play was *Father of the Bride*, a comedy that highlights all that can go wrong with planning for a bride's big day.

Soon to be wife Dru Fulton expresses her worries about the upcoming wedding to her father, Chris Smith.



In the opening scene, youngest brother Chris Shuler expresses his feelings about the wedding.

Row 1: Tyler Triplett, Steven Thomas, Cliff Blaylock, Dru Fulton, Misty Smith, Chris Smith, and Chris Shuler. **Row 2:** Jennie Vance, David Walters, Ginger Vance, Ronda Stroud, Samantha Partridge, Morgan Richards, Lindsey Clanton, Amanda Dowell, and Aly Burton. **Row 3:** Amy Hathorn, Amy Ealy, Shay Moncrief, Falind Pace, and Alicia Crockett.

Father Chris Smith gets an earful from his secretary Aly Burton when she finally gets fed up with being overworked.

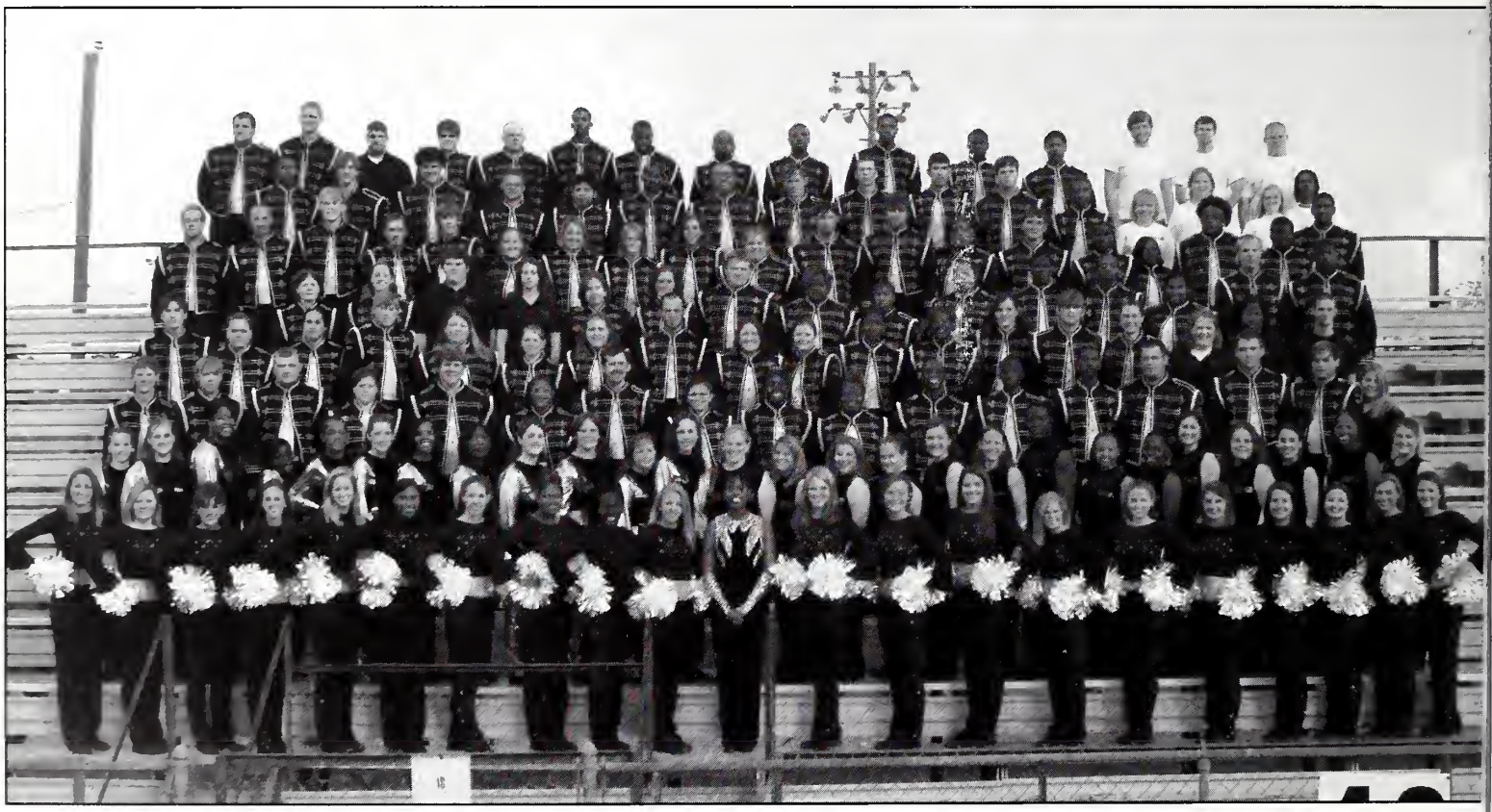
After taking too much medication in an attempt to relax, father Chris Smith is impossible to awaken. Mother Misty Smith does try her hardest, however.

Groom-to-be Cliff Blaylock and Dru Fulton sit impatiently as Shay Monerief hands them their first gift at their bridal shower.

Radiant bride Dru Fulton talks to her fianee over the phone while seemstress' Ginger Vance and Amanda Dowell prepare her gown.

Wall O' Sound Band

The Wall O' Sound marching band is made up of musicians joined by the Color Guard, Centralettes, and Warrior Drumline. Together they perform during halftime shows at football games and at pep rallies throughout the year. The band has previously been voted the top community college marching band in the state and never fails to keep the crowds entertained.



Alphabetical member list - Shelby Anderson, Jamie Arney, Courtney Averett, Steven Ball, Kelly Bankston, Kyle Bankston, Kathryn Barney, David Bayles, Lauren Beckham, A. Momit Abi Bell, Clifton Blaylock, Adam Bobo, Tahsa Boswell, Danielle Boyd, Dacie Brantley, Madison Brantley, Kevin Brown, Krystle Brown, Alyson Burton, Richard Burton, Jessica Cager, Randall Cahoon, Rachel Chappell, Mollie Cieglo, Lindsey Clanton, Devon Clay, Clancy Cleveland, Kaylon Coleman, Cassidy Crenshaw, Stephanie Culpepper, Lela Cumberland, Emily Daughtery, Leslie Daughtery, Jessica Davis, Shacondela Denson, Philip Dickerson, Amanda Dickson, Amy Dolan, William Dooley, Amanda Dowell, Amy Ealy, Fabian Eichelberger, Rebecca Embrey, Cheaquandrea Evans, Shelley Ferguson, Kimberly Fitzhugh, Ashley Franklin, Kari Freeny, Dru Fulton, Tiffany Gilmore, Marcus Hall, Jeremy Hamm, Angela Hardy, Krystine Harris, Perry Harris, Kristina Harrison, Maranda Hart, Christie Haynes, Jon Henderson, Daniel Herring, Jessica Holmes, Luke Howell, Megan Howington, Jeremy Jackson, Andrea Jay, Delisa Jenkins, Teresa Jenkins, Thomas Johnson, Jeremie Jordan, Jordan Kemp, Jennifer Key, Lindsey Kidd, Christopher Kimbrough, Lindsey Knight, Megan Laird, Candace Lanier, Albertina Laster, Maeganakia Latiker, Brett Latimer, Joseph LeBlanc, Corey Logan, Zachary Logan, Jason Long, Ryan Loper, Adam Lyon, Heath Manning, Shana Marks, Macqualine Martin, Misty Mayes, Candice McCann, Andrew McDaniel, Patrick McDonald, Kelli Jo McGee, Tray McMahan, Mardis Ming, Griff Misso, Jeffery Mitchell, Brittany Mixon, Shay Moncrief, La'Shicka Moore, Grant Morris, Ashley Nicholson, Cortney Owens, Falind Pace, Aelena Patrick, Nedrick Patrick, Otavian Patrica, Jerrick Porter, Paige Posey, Jason Price, Elizabeth Puckett, Hali Rainer, Morgan Richards, Beth Richardson, Alexis Ricks, Jered Ridings, Gwendolyn Ruffin, Jonathan Russell, Amanda Sanders, Brian Sanderson, Jana Sansing, Jessica Sessions, Shondae Sharp, Chris Smith, Eugene Smith, Shana Smith, Kamarie Spivey, Stephanie Spivey, Katherine Stinson, Keyahda Stokes, Hyman Stovall, Ronda Stroud, Brad Sutphin, Josh Swindle, Daniel Thomas, Steven Thomas, Mallory Thompson, Jeremy Tolbert, Kendrick Triplett, LaToya Triplett, Elizabeth Tullos, Lydia Tunc, Jennifer Vance, Scott Vance, Jonathan Walker, Amber Wall, David Walters, Keith Watts, Chris White, Bryon Whitley, Amanda Wilcher, Megan Williamson, Krystal Winstead, LaMarcus Wise.

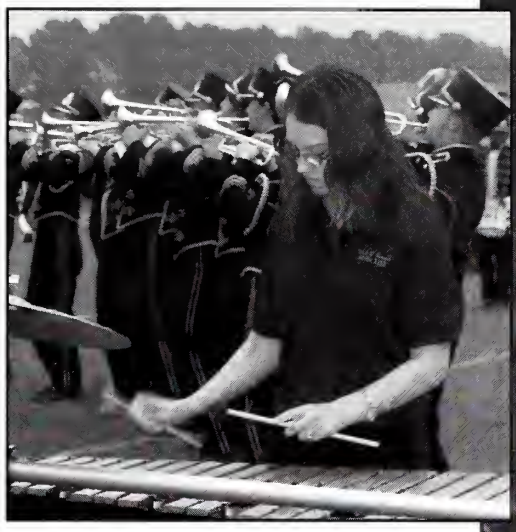
Drummer Lee Dooley provides the beat that the Wall O'Sound band marches to at the half-time shows.

The color guard members typically use props to add a fun flare their performances. Instead of the usual flag, Courtney Averett twirls a saber as she marches to a Spanish song played by the band.

The Centralettes smile as they strike a pose at the end of a successful routine.

With their sombreros and trumpet skills, Daniel Herring and Luke Howell help keep the crowd entertained.

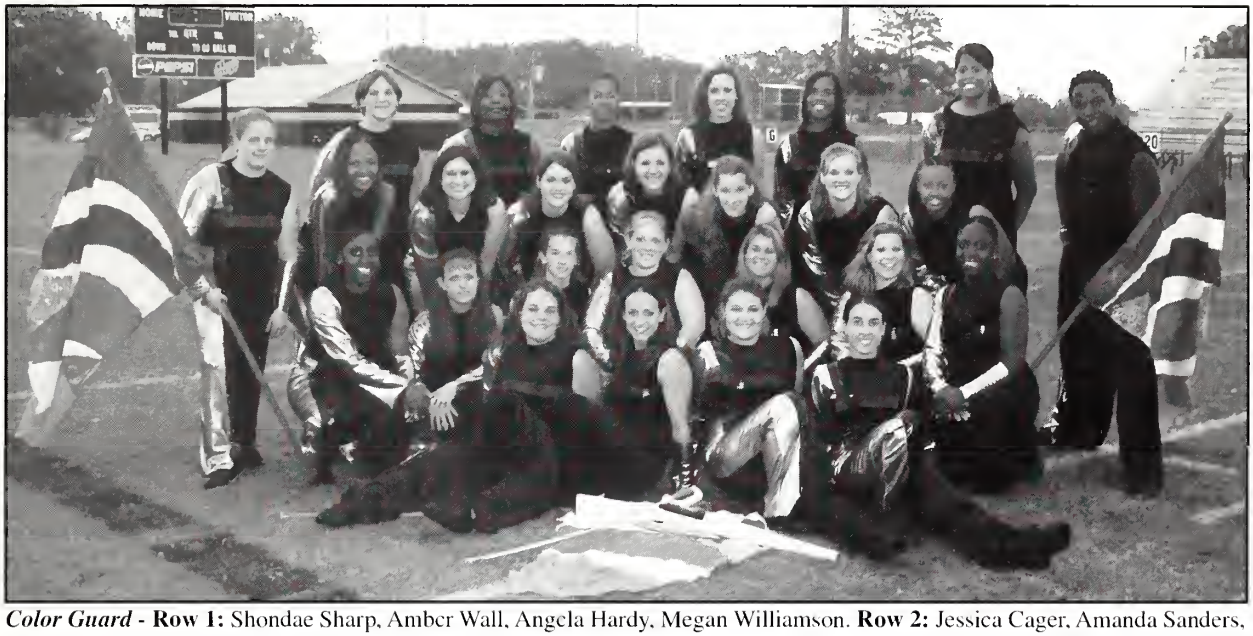
No performance would be complete without percussion! With trumpets behind her, Jennie Vance keeps in tune on the xylophone.



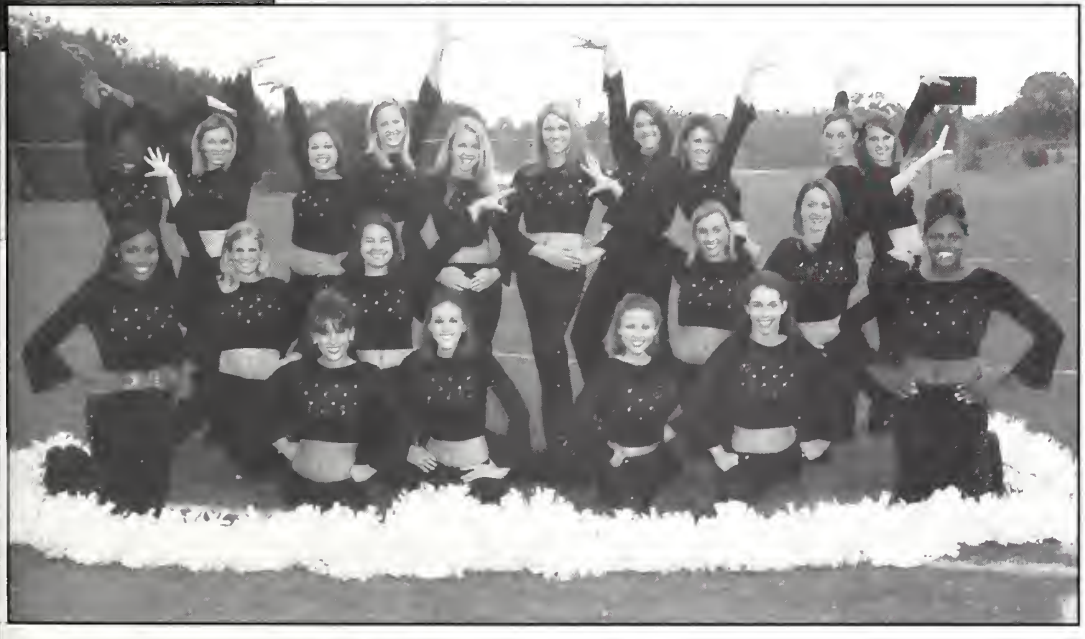
Since a rainy day and an electric bass are not a good combination, Adam Bobo holds up an umbrella for Grant Morris during the Homecoming halftime performance. In the background, a smiling Beth Richardson helps keep the beat on the drums.

***Drumline*- Row 1:** Jeremie Jordan, Newton; Marty Ming, Louisville; Chris White, Philadelphia; Tyler Cahoon, Forest; Kari Freeny, Carthage; David Bayles Meridian; Shelby Anderson, Raleigh; Jason Price, Walnut Grove; Corey Logan, Philadelphia; Joanna Daugherty, Carthage; Heath Manning, Philadelphia Joseph Leblanc, Louisville; Thomas Johnson, Collinsville; and Otavian Patrick, Newton. **Row 2:** Mallory Thompson, Louisville; Lee Dooley, Lake; Gran Morris, Philadelphia; Josh Swindle, Noxapater; Jennie Vance, Morton; Alexis Ricks, Preston; and Beth Richardson, Carthage.

Drum Major
Danielle Boyd of Carthage



Color Guard - **Row 1:** Shondae Sharp, Amber Wall, Angela Hardy, Megan Williamson. **Row 2:** Jessica Cager, Amanda Sanders, Delisa Jenkins, Candace Lanier, Kim Fitzhugh, Krystina Harris, Stephanie Spivey. **Row 3:** Courtney Averett, Falind Pace, Stephanie Culpepper, Lauren Beckham, Megan Laird, Teresa Jenkins, Brittany Mixon, Tiffany Gilmore. **Row 4:** Kellie Jo McGee, Latoya Triplett, Kia Latiker, Kathryn Barney, Shana Marks, Devon Clay, Nedrick Patrick.



Centralettes

Kneeling: Sherrell Brown, Forest; Amanda Dickson, Newton; Misty Mayes, Newton; Madison Brantley, Union; Jana Sansing, Philadelphia; Aly Burton, Decatur; Jennifer Key, Philadelphia; Lindsey Sessions, Newton; Amanda Dowell, Edinburg; and Amy Ealy, Forest. **Standing:** Shay Moncrief, Newton; Tracy McMahan, Little Rock; Ashley Franklin, Union; Clancy Cleveland, Union; Jess Davis, Louisville; Morgan Richards, Newton; Lindsey Clanton, Lawrence; Hali Rainer, Union; Shelly Ferguson, Hickory; and Amanda Wilcher, Edinburg.

The programs offered at East Central are designed to appeal to every student, no matter what their major. The academic programs are extensive and offer seemingly endless choices. However, many students are uncertain of what career path they will embark on. These students are able to major in Liberal Arts, taking basic requirements that are not specific to one particular major. In contrast, some students come to EC already

Programs

It's all about hands-on experience in East Central's automotive technology program. Thomas Ingram, George Stockman, and Elizabeth Smith work on the engine of Mr. Joe Killen's jeep to gain some valuable knowledge in their chosen field.

knowing what career path they will travel down. These students enter the career and technical programs where they begin learning the specifics of their career field from the start. No matter what road a student might take, East Central has courses to offer everyone.

~ Flame Reese

Knowledge for Real Life

How will I ever use this stuff in real life? It's a question familiar to almost any student, yet no matter how many times it is asked, it never receives a decent answer. Sometimes students become frustrated with teachers, classes, and school in general, but deep down they know that school is a very important, even essential part of life today.

When asked why getting a college education was important to her, Amy Hathorn replied, "To make it in today's society requires one to go to college and get a Bachelors Degree or sometimes even a Masters." This illustrates the feelings of many of today's students, who know they need a good job and who also realize they will need a degree to get that job. That's where the academic programs at East Central come in.

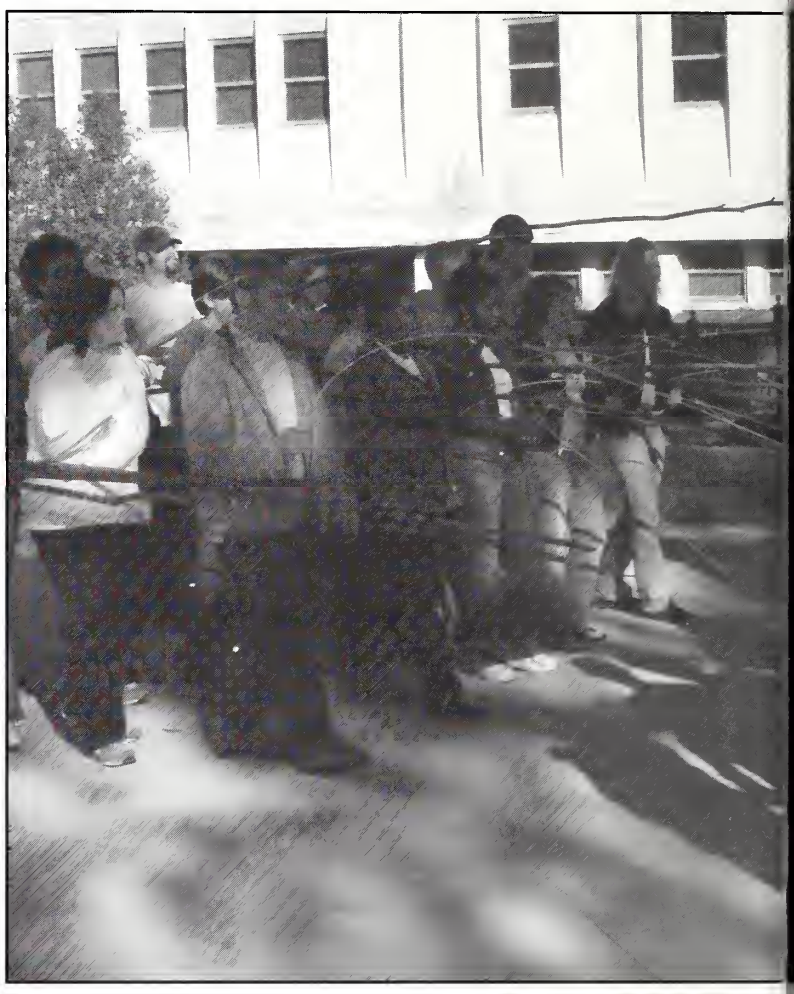
If anyone were to walk up to an ECCC student today and ask them what their major was, chances are they would be told Liberal Arts. Most students today aren't sure what kind of job they'd like to hold once they get out of school. Liberal Arts, which includes basic courses such as English Composition and College Algebra, provides students with an education as well as time to think things over.

Some students are more sure of their direction,however, so East Central Community College offers far more than Liberal Arts. The programs of study to be found vary greatly, ranging from Agriculture to Pre-Medical to Forestry. Each major includes the courses required to carry a student forward after leaving East Central. There's something for just about everyone at ECCC.

No matter what students choose to major in, the courses they take are almost guaranteed to come with a lot of required study time. Dr. Sparkman, Vice President for Instruction, tells students, "Being serious about your academics is very important as it is the foundation you will build your entire college career upon."

A student who knows he will have to take many classes and who knows he will have to put in many study hours may find himself asking a familiar question. *How will I ever use this stuff in real life?* All that can be said to that student -- "Just wait and see."

~ Even Snell

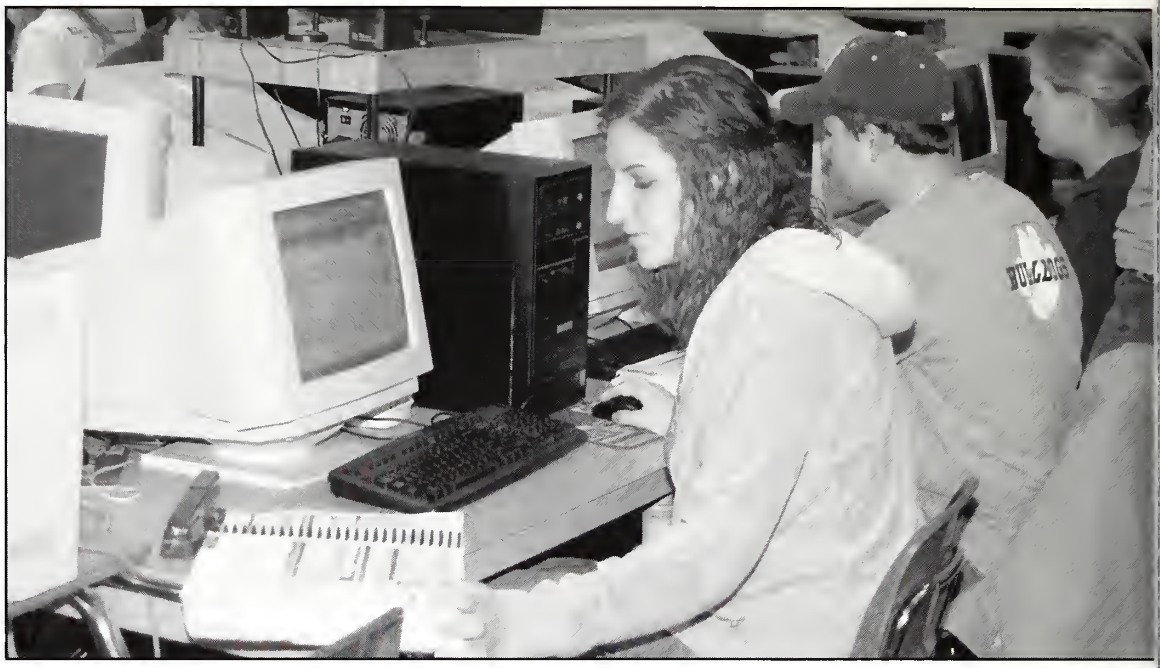


Donna McKee of Newton Regional Hospital instructs Larae Hemphill, Ginger Richardson, Jon Nichols, David Frey, and Blake Hines in CPR training as a part of Mrs. Wood's First Aid class.

Demonstrating the battle formations and techniques of Alexander the Great fighting the Persians, Mr. Crenshaw and his class really get into the spirit of things.

In A&P, Christy Ezell, Lasaundra Harrison, Amanda Warren, Pamela Norman, Betty Belvin, and Larae Hamphill dissect a white rat in order to study its organs.

And it tastes great too! Blair Anderson puts enough enthusiasm into her oral communications speech her audience might believe almost anything.

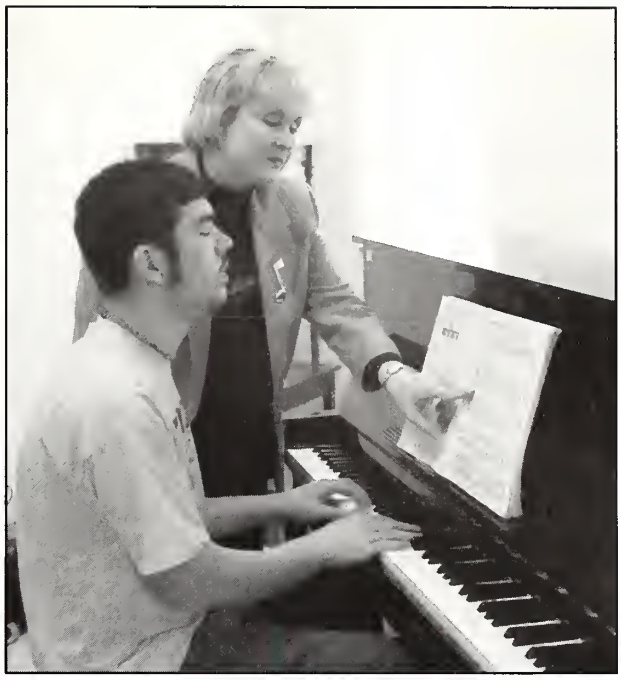


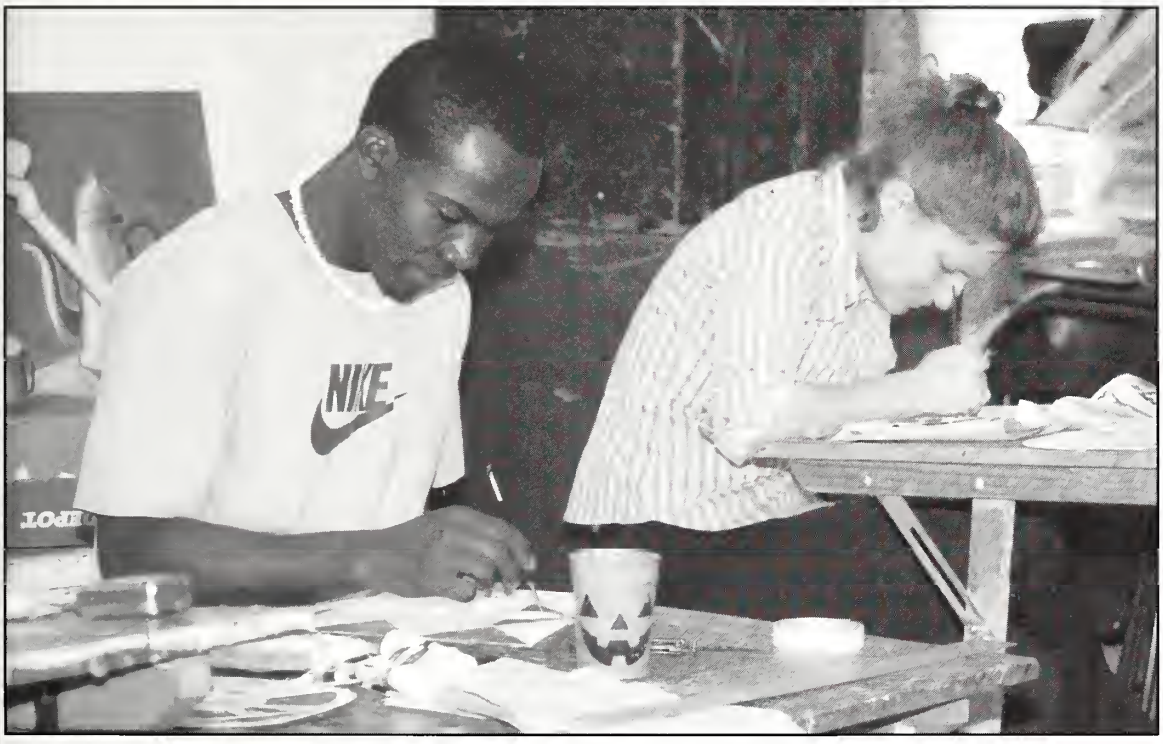
Creating a database is one of the many skills that Dru Fulton and her classmates learned in Microcomputer applications.

Academics

As part of a lab activity for Mrs. Patti Davis's botany class, Tonya Lilly and Aja Loveless perfrom a botany search distinguishing between male and felmale pine cones.

Most people don't know that math plays a part in music theory, but Len Bobo teaches Morgan Daugherty otherwise as he gives her instruction in part writing, the study of building chords using a numerical system.

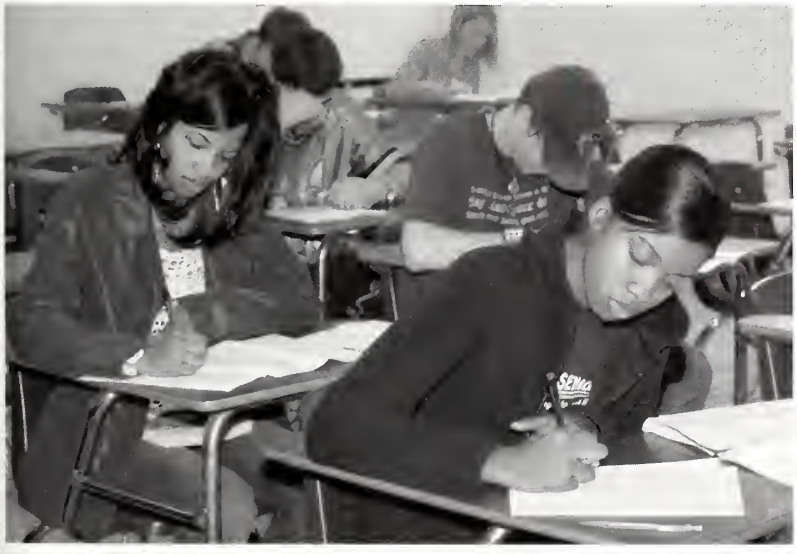




Clockwise from left:
Carefully following their instructions, Matt Rigdon and Thomas Johnson measure out chemicals for an organic chemistry lab.

Music major Cassidy Crenshaw gets a private piano lesson from instructor Vicki Blaylock.

With concentration and precision, Omar Ducksworth and Lynn Hopson put the final touches on their paintings.



Strengthening essay writing skills is a must for freshmen as they prepare for future classes. Pharen Nelson and La'Shicka Moore work hard to revise their rough drafts in Mrs. Debbie Boyd's English Composition I class.

The Future's in Their Hands

Whether it's a carpentry student wielding a hammer, a surgical-tech student handing off a scalpel, or a cosmetology student with her hands in someone's hair, these career-technical students are all experiencing hands-on learning at East Central.

The Career-Technical programs are actually two separate types of programs. Career programs are designed to teach a trade. Technical programs are designed to prepare students for employment once they complete the program.

Each year, many students apply for the programs, yet there are a limited number of spaces available. Entrance requirements vary from program to program. For some, students must have a certain score on the ACT or TABE tests. For others, students simply need a high school diploma. Because of the limited spaces available, those who meet the requirements on paper must go through an interview process.

Wayne Eason, Dean of Career-Technical Instruction, explained that no matter what field a student eventually goes into, he or she will be working with his or her hands. Most people learn from on the job training. The students who enter the career-technical programs are one step ahead because they are taught *by* working with their hands. By the time they get to the workplace, they don't need that extra training.

Students who enter the Career-Technical programs have to go through a lot. From the entrance interview to the last class they attend, they are pushed to do their best. Because of this,, they are sure to have good jobs to look forward to in the future.

~Even Snell

Using compressed air to run the plasma arc cutting tool, Lee Dooley cuts into a sheet of metal in welding.

In order to repair and repaint the doors, collision repair student Henry Parrott must first tear them off the car.

Before being released on "real live customers," Tabitha Thomas practices on a mannequin in cosmetology.

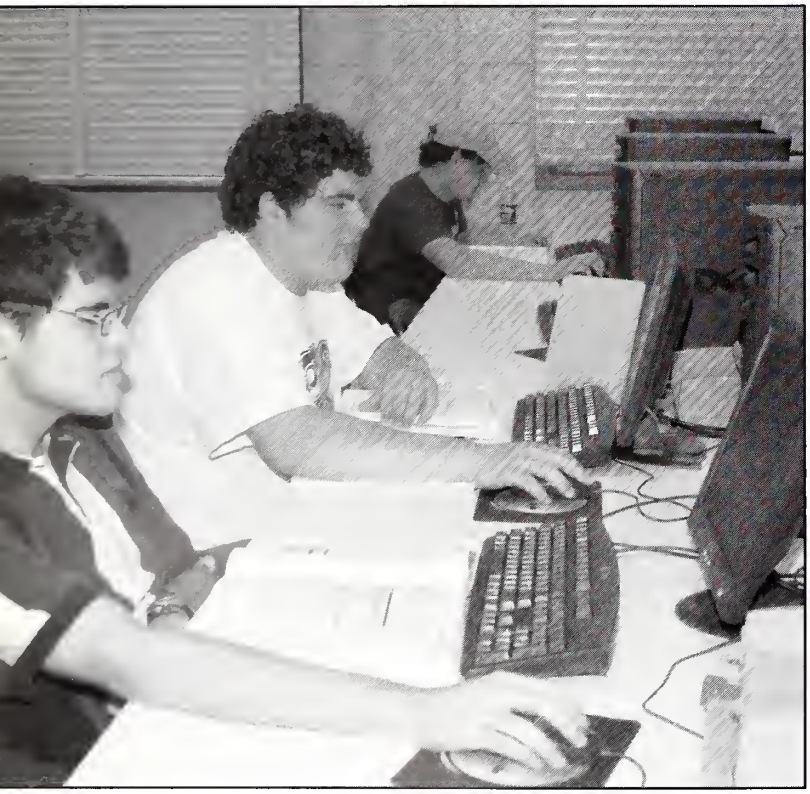
In carpentry, Alex Dickson cuts a brace needed to support the wall being built behind him.

Programs

- Air Conditioning
- Automotive Technology
- Welding
- Electronic Technology
- Cosmetology
- Licensed Practical Nursing
- Computer Information Systems
- Drafting and Design
- Machine Shop Technology
- Gerontology
- Surgical Technology
- Electrical Technology
- Carpentry/Cabinet Making
- Collision Repair
- EMT/Paramedic
- Business Office Technology
- Computer Network Support Technology
- Child Development

Thoughtfully studying her medical technology notes, Angelia Donald prepares for another day in business.

Listening carefully, Cindy Bryan checks Tim Wilcher's blood pressure in the LPN program.

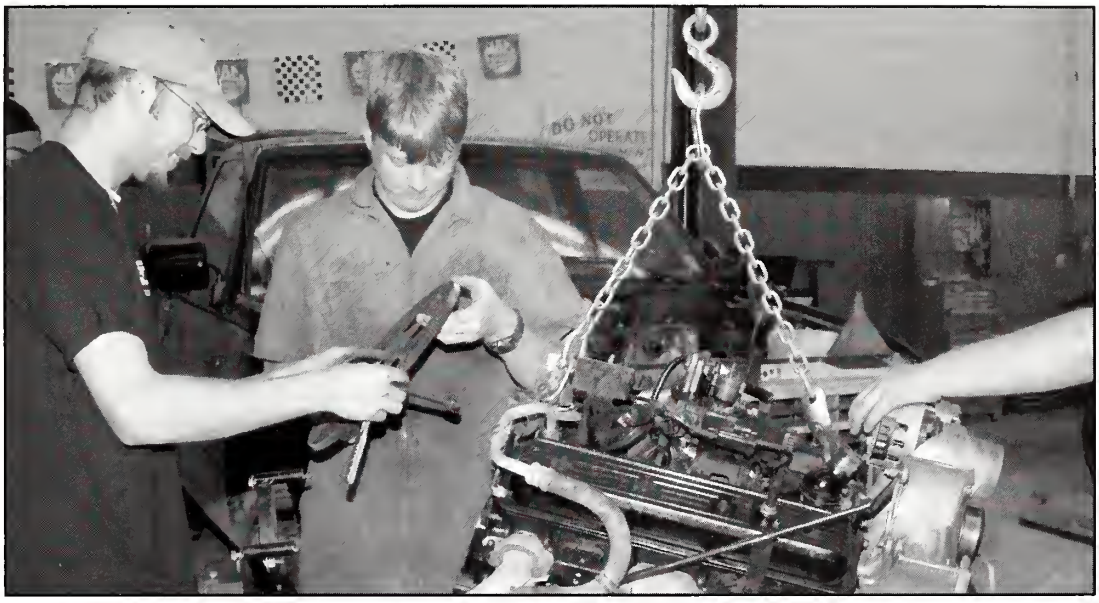


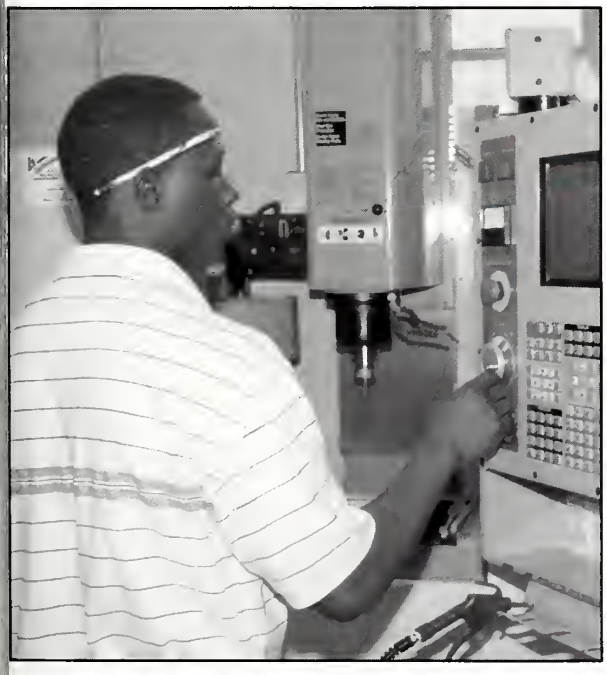
In computer networking, Brett Latimer, Josh Swindle, and Ron Foley work to connect their separate computers together as one.

Carefully examining the training computer, Richard Burton, David Black, and Chris Anderson attempt to dertermine the exact cause of its aliment in electronics.

Electrical technology student Joel Morris works to repair a circuit.

How to install a truck engine is just one of the many things David Holiday and Trey White learn to do in auto mechanics.





Adjusting a few settings on the CNC machine center, Alvin Coleman prepares for another day in Machine Shop.

Josh Pigg and Caleb Breland practice their surveying skills. A career in the field of drafting requires a wide body of knowledge and skills.

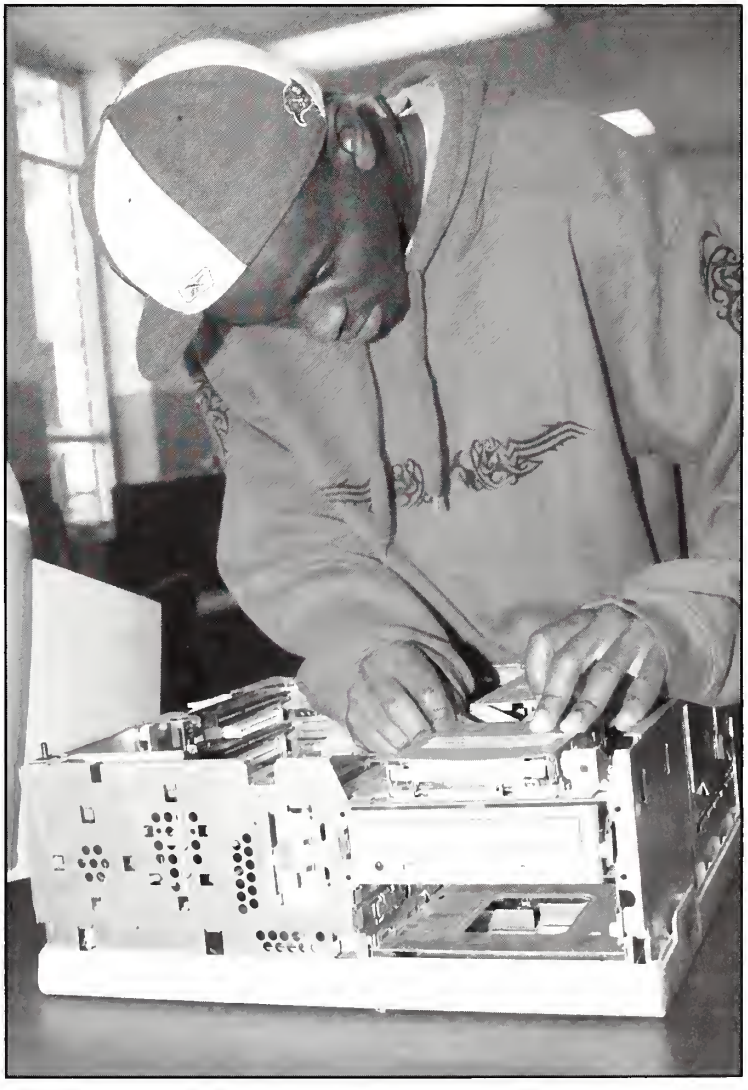
Numerous surgical tech students gather to learn a new procedure.

In gerontology class, Carolyn Mays, Marjay Jones, and Shirley Hughes explore new projects for older adults.

Surrounded by soft playpen walls, Gena Clayton and Ms. Christon Robinson spend some time with the babies.

Sorting through many wires, Lanorris Houston works to find what is ailing a unit in air conditioning.

Moving carefully, EMT student Dana Ballard inserts an intabation tube down a patient's windpipe to aid in breating.



After removing the computer housing, Chris White begins the job of fixing components in the CPU.

College life just wouldn't be the same without sports. Sports offer a temporary escape from the pressures of the classroom - for both the athletes and their fans. Sports help keep students pumped up about their school and instill a unique pride in them. It's no different here at East Central. Students who support the Warriors bring excitement with them. They stand together and cheer on the team, win or lose. They share in the thrilling rush of victory and the bitter taste of defeat. Though they are not on the playing field or court, students who support our sports teams are truly Warriors.

Sports

While the offense takes the field, defensive players get a breather on the sideline, as well as some instruction and encouragement from defensive coordinator Chris Boone.

None feel the emotions stronger than the athletes themselves, however, as they give their all in each and every game. Student athletes at EC enjoy a varying degree of success in terms of wins and losses, but they share one common denominator - a winning attitude that makes them play hard and hang tough until the end. Sports are an important part of life at this school; they provide fun, excitement, and they bring students together - as East Central Warriors.

~ Even Snell

a season of OPPORTUNITY

The 2004 football season was one that presented great opportunities for the Warriors. This season gave the sophomores a chance to demonstrate their leadership skills, and the freshmen a chance to prove their talent. Both veteran players and newcomers certainly took advantage of these opportunities.

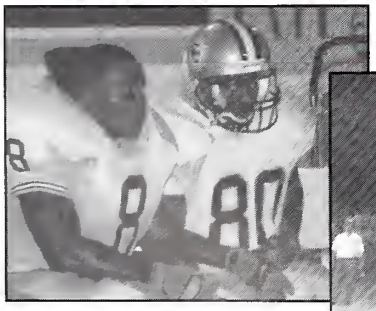
However, they also encountered more than a few difficulties along the way. For example, the Warriors faced one of the toughest schedules in the state, playing four NJCAA top-twenty ranked teams. The Warriors accepted the challenge, however, and came through to bring home several wins this season. Three out of the four home games were won, including a victory over Co-Lin at Homecoming 2004.

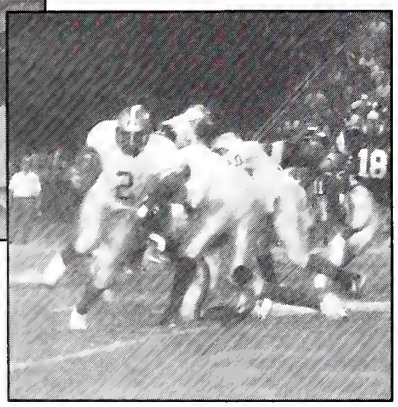
The Warriors also experienced missed a few opportunities that turned near-wins into unfortunate losses. A missed field goal at Northwest and a blocked field goal by Hinds kept the Warriors from achieving their goals record-wise, but their overall play was good and their attitudes remaind positive. Coach Terry Underwood was proud of his team, saying they displayed a "great attitude and work ethic."

Though they missed a few opportunities , the players seized others and came through the season like Warriors.

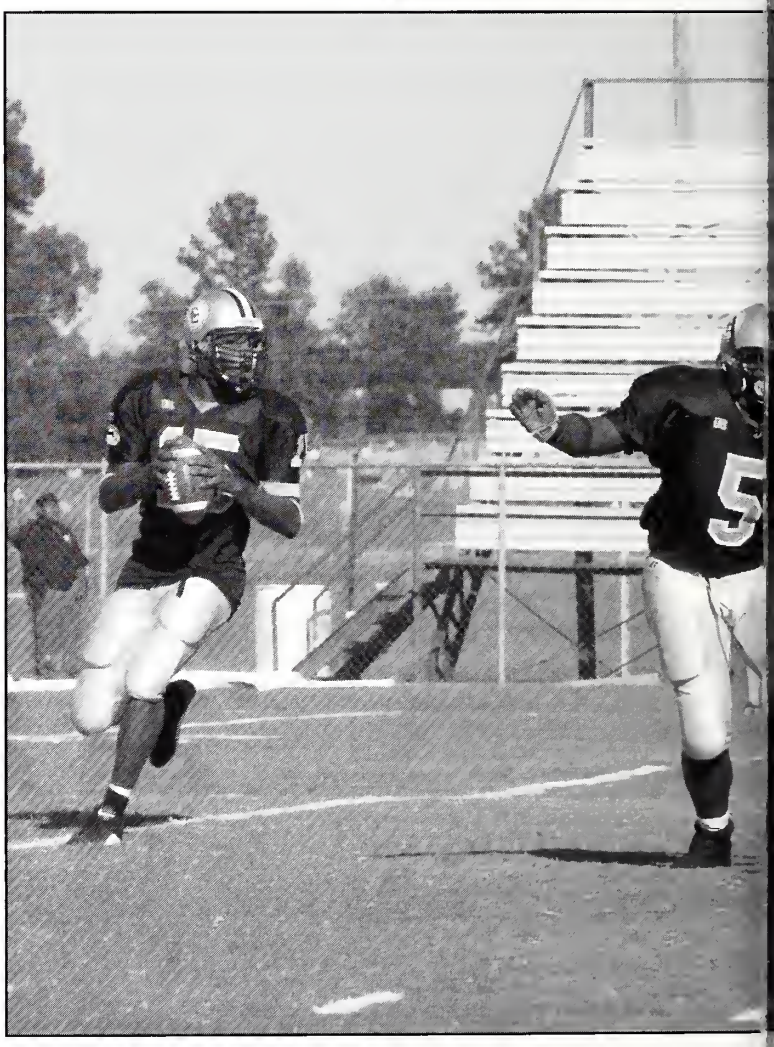
~Anna Waltman

With his barefoot kick on the way, Jay McMillin watches as the ball splits the uprights. McMillin and holder Anthony Stanford teamed up for several successful field goals during the 2004 season.





Offensive players Clinton Thomas and Letez Fortune enjoy a breather on the sideline as the defense takes the field.



Fullback Kelvin Horne turns the corner for an impressive gain against Northwest CC.

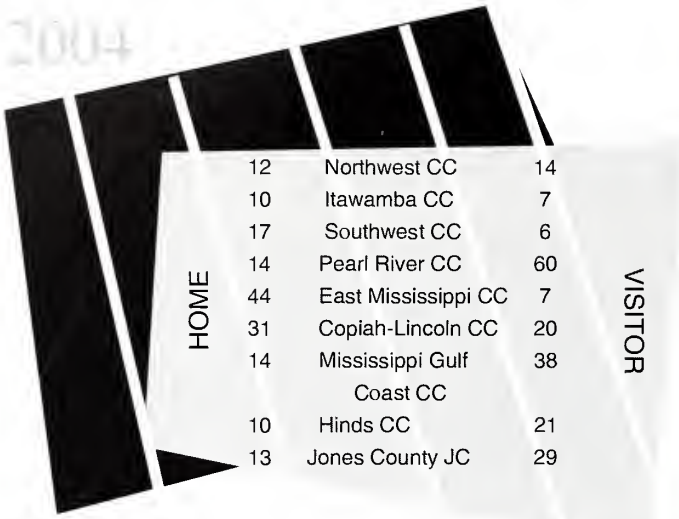
A pass completion doesn't always come easy. Wide receiver Derrick Harris leaps above the Southwest defender to make a spectacular catch.

Good protection gives quarterback Terrance McFadden time to put a nice touch on a pass during the Warriors' victory over the Southwest CC Bears.

As a teammate wraps up the Southwest CC ball carrier, Brian McNair closes in to stop him at the line of scrimmage for no gain.

Well-protected by tailback Terrance McFadden, Jarius Neal looks down field for an open receiver.

Warrior Football



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14	Pearl River CC	60
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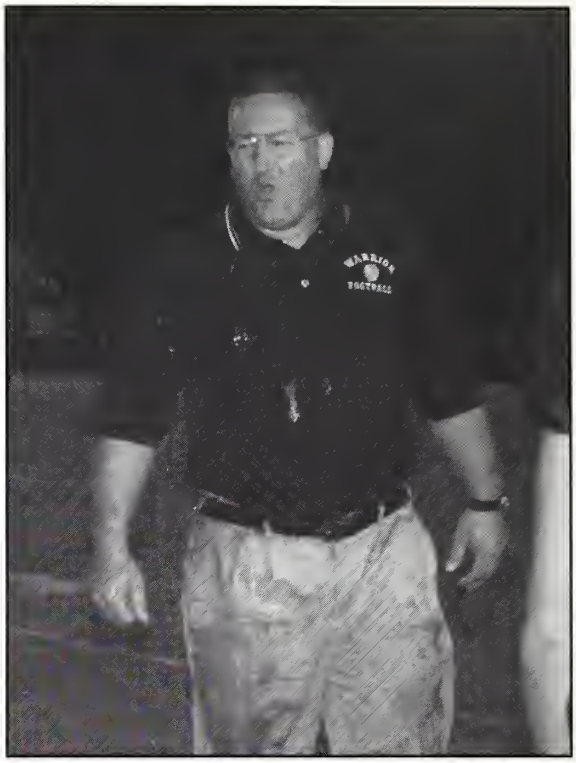


2004 Team Awards

Pictured below are the recipients of the ECCC Football Team Awards. Seated are Sed Eichelberger, Most Valuable Player and Defensive Team Captain Award; Derrick Harris, Most Valuable Offensive Back; and Clinton Thomas and Michael Johnson of Newton County, Warrior Award co-recipients. Standing are Mantrell Ashford, Most Valuable Defensive Lineman; James Ozment, Most Valuable Offensive Lineman and Offensive Team Captain Award; and Toney Edison, Academic Award and Kemba Bryant Most Valuable Defensive Back Award.

Post-season Honors

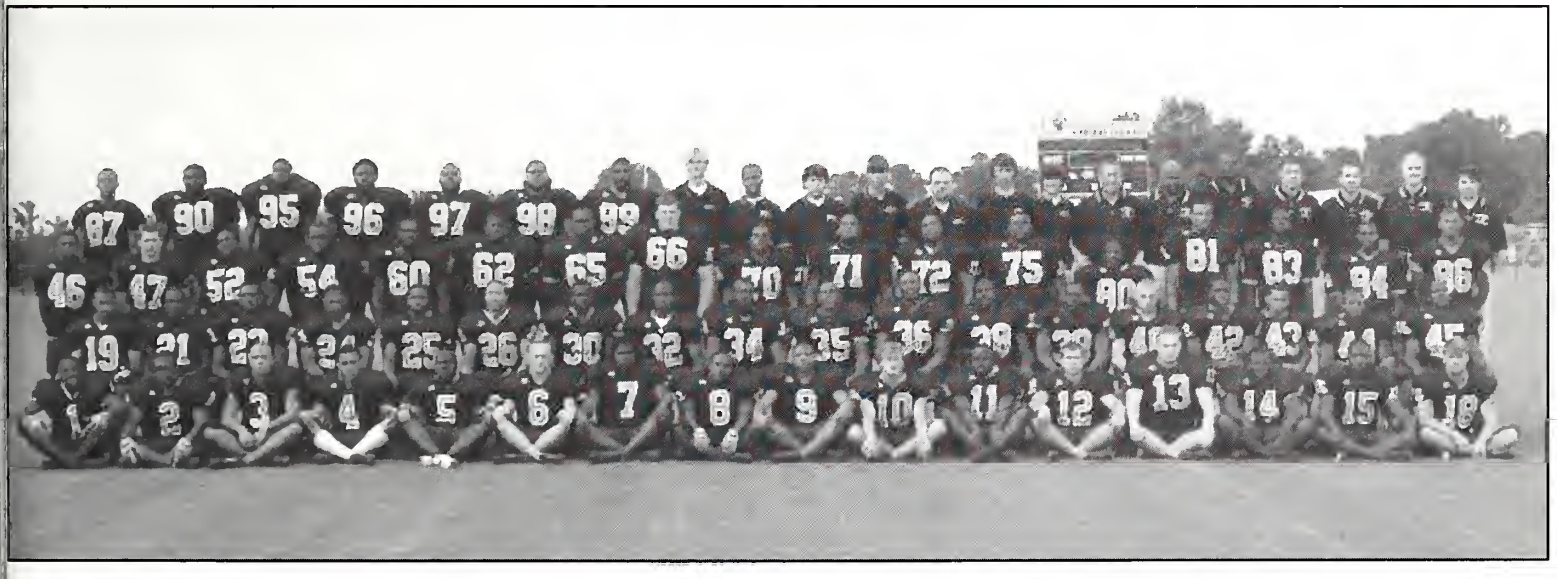
Pictured at left are ECCC footba players who received post-seaso honors following the 200 campaign. Seated are Se Eichelberger, J.C. Grid Wire Al American third team, All-Regio 23 and first team All-State; Derric Harris, first team All-State and Al Star; Tony Edison, first team Al State and All-Star; and Camero Tawater, honorable mention Al State and All-Star. Standing ar Montrell Ashford, first team All-State and All-Star; James Ozment, first team Al State and All-Star; and Brian McNair, honorable mention All-State and All-Sta

Honorable Mention All-State

Pictured at right are ECCC players named to the honorable mention All-State team. Seated are Derrell Ashford, Jay McMillin, Henry Smith, Willie Hickmon,Derrick Cleveland, Darryl Mapp, Clinton Thomas, and Michael Johnson. Standing are Chris Smith, Brian McNair, Ryan Gale, Cameron Tawater, George Maddox, Jimmy Coleman, Cedric Gray, and Marcus Arrington. Not pictured are Brian McNair, Chris Lark, Jarius Neal, Courtney Coleman, Greg Hathorn, Josh Curry, Justin Ficklin, Kelvin Horne, Montero Baker, and Paul Tolbert.

Victory is sweet, but that water certainly is cold. Coach Terry Underwood winces after players soak him to celebrate an impressive 44-7 win over rival EMCC.

Execution is key in a successful offensive drive. Tailback Terrance McFadden bursts through the huge hole created by the superb blocking of his teammates.

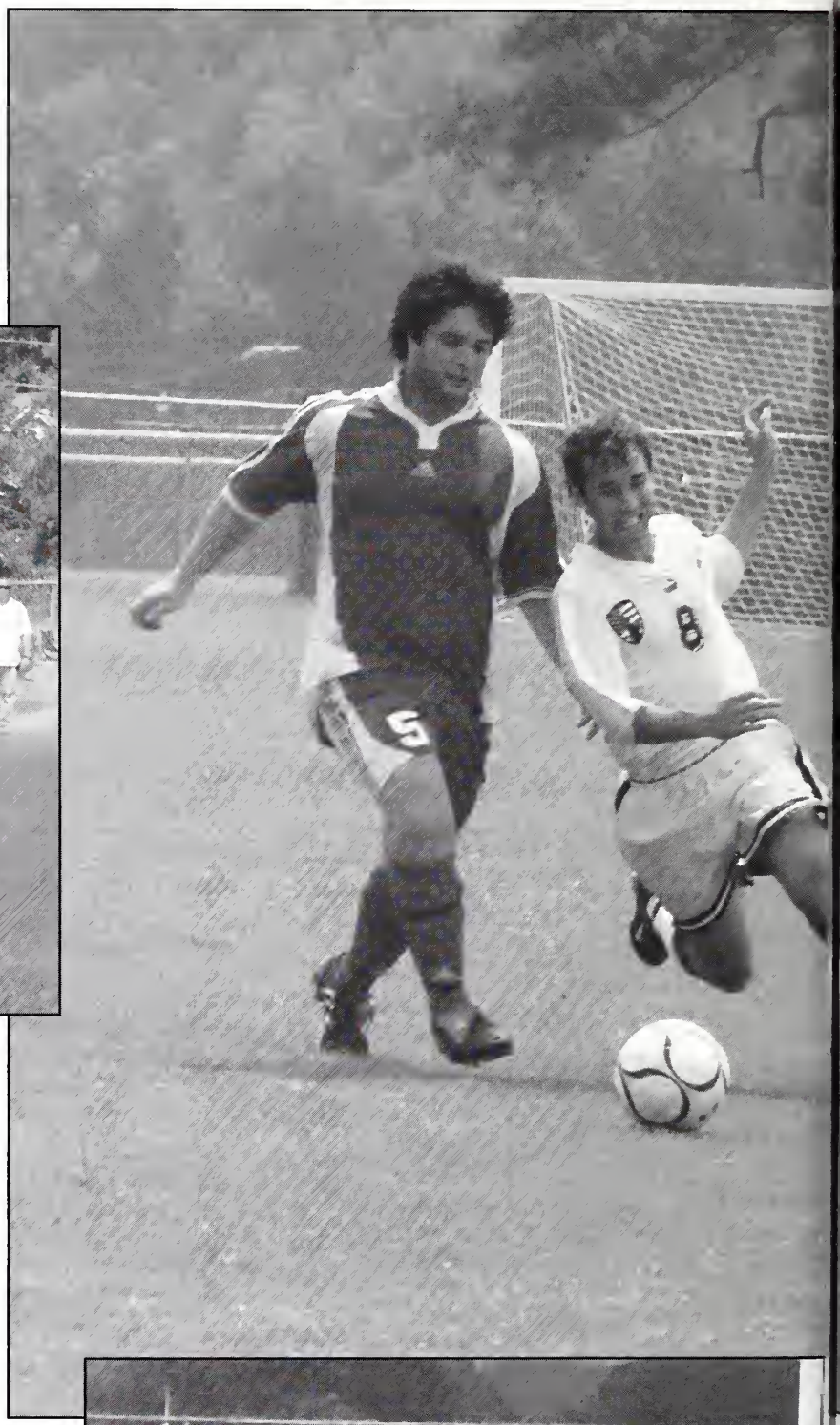


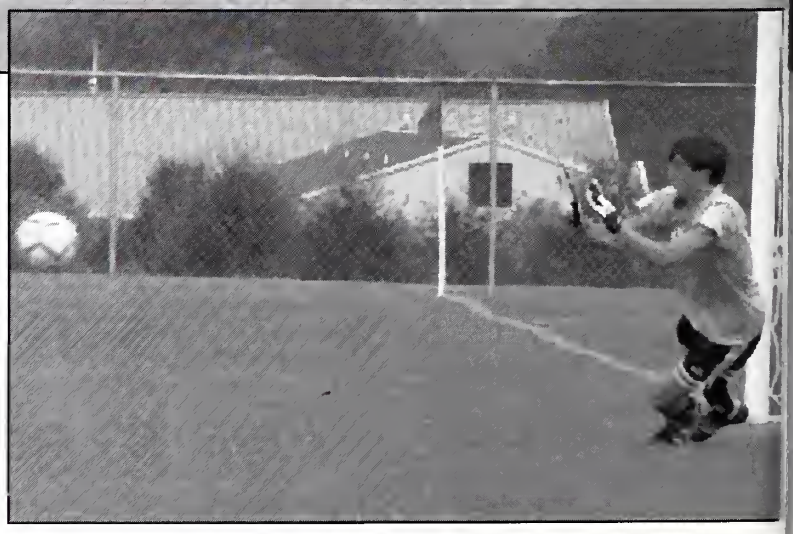
2004 Warriors: **Row 1 -** Derrick Harris, Union; Kelvin Horne, Northeast Lauderdale; Robbie Morse, Walton County (Fla.); Tony Edison, Collins; Terrance McFadden, American Heritage (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.); Chris Smith, Ridgeland; Mantrell Ashford, Louisville; Clinton Thomas, Ripley; Cedric Gray, Scott Central; Jay McMillin, Winston Acaemy; Paul Tolbert, Clinch County (Ga.); Anthony Stanford, Louisville; Cameron Tawater, Philadelphia; Sed Eichelberger, Noxapater; Jarius Neal, Pickens County (Ala.); and Ryan Gale, Oak Mountain (Birmingham, Ala.). **Row 2 -** Chris Lark, Pickens County (Ala.); Joe Mingo, Clinch County (Ga.); Hedrick Ficklin, South Leake; Darryl Mapp, Newton County; Nick Robinson, Morton; Marcus Arrington, Heidelberg; Derrell Ashford, Louisville; JiMichael Gordon, Hillcrest (Tuscaloosa, Ala.); Justin Ficklin, Morton; Derek Mapp, Newton County; Courtney Coleman, Louisville; Derrick Qualls, Forest; RayShawn Smith, Paul W. Bryant (Tuscaloosa, Ala.); T.J. Rushing, Neshoba Central; Brian McNair, Florence; Jonathan Thornton, Morton; Greg Hathorn, Louisville; and Prentiss Vivians, Forest. **Row 3 -** Maurice McDonald, West Lauderdale; Ken Gordon, Morton; Nathan Weaver, Columbus; Josh Moore, Neshoba Central; Leroy Bowden, Newton; Jimmy Coleman, Forest; Derrick Cleveland, Newton County; James Ozment, Sumter Academy (Ala.); Montero Baker, Columbus; Javares Dobbins, Tuscaloosa County (Ala.); Jimmy Spencer, Hillcrest (Tuscaloosa, Ala.); Josh Curry, Tuscaloosa Central (Ala.); Letez Fortune, South Leake; Willie Hickmon, Lake; Alex West, Southeast Lauderdale; Cornelius Caraway, Newton; and Eric Lyons, Philadelphia. **Row 4 -** Ivon Hickmon, Lake; Henry Smith, Aliceville (Ala.); Trey Hopkins, Noxapater; Kendrick Perry, Hillcrest (Tuscaloosa, Ala.); Michael Johnson, Newton County; Greg Cooley, Heidelberg; George Maddox, Tuscaloosa County (Ala.); managers Patrick Woodward, Winston Academy; Telly Carter, Noxapater; Josh Crowson, Winston Academy; Chris Ryals, Kemper Academy; Michael Fondren, Union; Daniel Wood, Kemper Academy; and Patrick Leone, Winston Academy; and coaches Terry Underwood (head), James Keys, Terry Evans, Cary Melvin, Chris Boone and Tim Coats; and athletic trainer Derrick Jones, Rush Sports Medicine Team.

David Prewitt, a key offensive player for the Warriors, hustles to retain possession of the ball. His efforts earned him MVP honors for the 2004 season.

With complete focus on the ball, defender Trey Whitehead is determined to keep the ball away from the oncoming Co-Lin player.

With impressive foot skills, Luis Araya outmaneuvers an EMCC player.





Ragan Denham dives to stop the oncoming kick from making it into the goal. The EC goalie had many saves during the season.

fighting to the FINISH

"Winning can not always be measured by wins and losses," according to soccer coach Kenneth Thompson, and the Warrior soccer team proved this to be true. Although only four players from last year's squad returned, Coach Thompson was optimistic that this year's team would do well. The Warriors were one of the top defensive teams, and finished near the top in most defensive catergories. The offensive line, consisting of the sweeper, center midfielder, and forwards, was also strong. The players in these positions set examples for some of the younger players until they were able to adjust to the college game. "The younger players on the team were a good group to work with," said Coach Thompson. "They spent most of their time on building techniques but worked really hard at trying to perform well." The players all demonstrated great ability, and the loyal fans of the Soccer Warriors were not dissappointed. Coach Thompson said "These players played extremely hard for all 90 minutes of every match no matter the score, whether they were leading or trailing. They played like Warriors!"

~ Maria Gusman

Taking a free kick, team captain Ryan Stewart sends the ball toward an open teammate.

Outrunning his opponent, Kyle Vowell races to gain control of the ball.

Head coach Kenneth Thompson surveys his team's play from the sideline. Coach Thompson liked the hustle and effort he saw from the Warriors this season.

The soccer team had a loyal following during the 2004 season. Jaimee Jones, Dru Fulton, Lee Anne Rawson, and Anna Price go the extra mile with these encouraging signs.

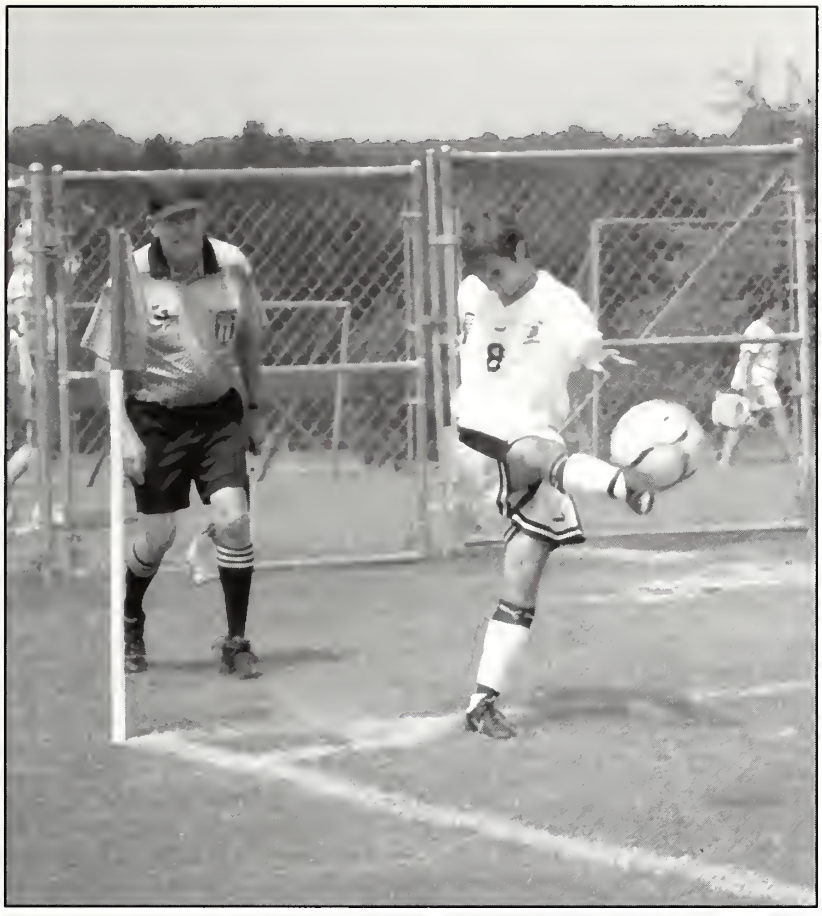
2004 Team Awards

Above are recipients of ECCC Soccer Team Awards. Seated are Jose Castillo, Coach's Warrior Award; Ryan Stewart, Team Captain Award and Best Defensive Player; and David Prewitt, Most Valuable Player, Best Offensive Player, Academic Award and first team All-State. Standing are Jason Lopez, Most Improved Player, and Trey Whitehead, "Shot of the Year."

Warrior Soccer

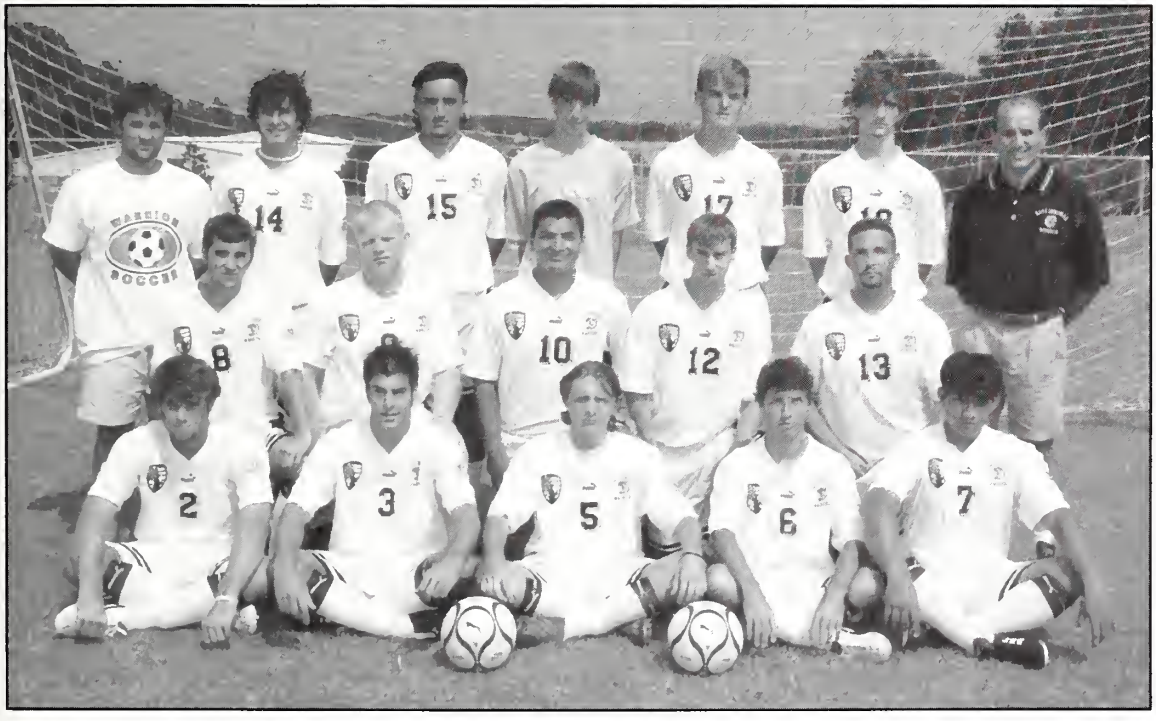
2004

HOME		VISITOR
4	East Mississippi CC	1
1	Mississippi Delta CC	3
2	Itawamba CC	2
2	Holmes CC	1
4	Copian-Lincoln CC	1
0	Pearl River CC	3
0	Meridian CC	4
0	Mississippi Gulf Coast CC	4
1	Jones County JC	5
2	East Mississippi CC	1
1	Itawamba CC	2
1	Copian-Lincoln CC	0
0	Pearl River CC	5
1	Meridian CC	2
0	Mississippi Gulf Coast CC	1
1	Jones County JC	4



Midfielder David Prewitt drives a corner kiek toward the goal. The team often turned to Prewitt in corner kiek situations.

Control is key to sueeess in soeeer. Jason Lopez gains eontrol of the ball and prepares to pass to an open teammate.

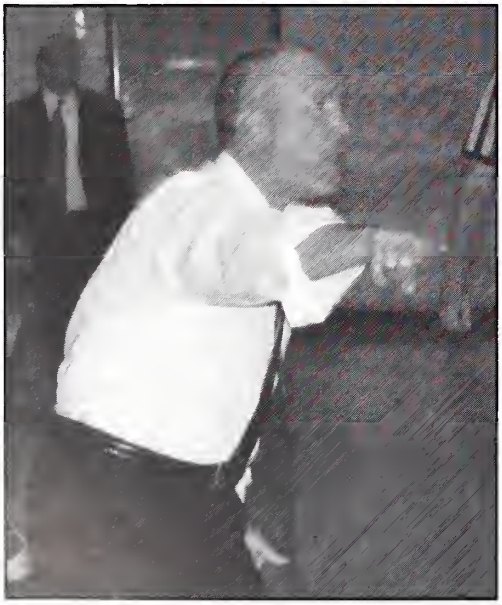


Row 1 - Taylor Niehols, Newton County; Zaeh Joiner, Carthage; Daniel Warren, Clarkdale; Mieah Lanier, Newton County; and Jose Castillo, Raleigh. **Row 2** - David Prewitt, Clarkdale; Trey Whitehead, Southeast Lauderdale; Luis Araya, Forest; Ryan Stewart, Northeast Lauderdale; and Jared Weir, Clarkdale. **Row 3** - Manager Ben Snyder, Northeast Lauderdale; Kyle Vowell, Neshoba Central; Diego Perez, Columbia, South Ameriea; Ragan Denham, Northeast Lauderdale; Austin Herrington, Neshoba Central; Zaeh Kilpatriek, Neshoba Central; and head eoaeh Kenneth Thompson. **Not pictured:** Jason Lopez, Forest, and manager Josh Mann, Carthage.

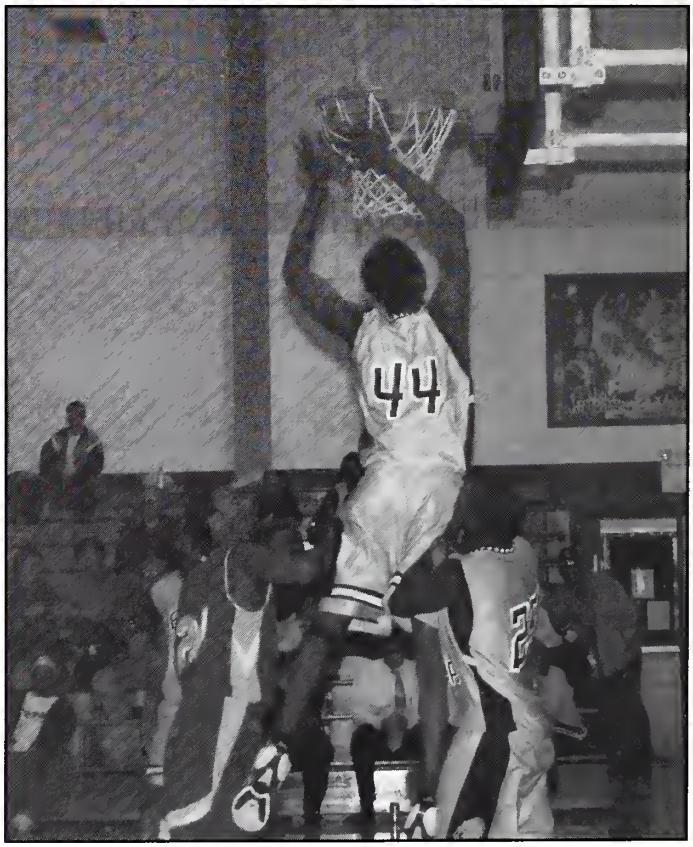
2004 Warriors

Recipients of the **Tom Shepherd Sportsmanship Award**, presented to the MACJC men's soccer team which exhibited the best sportsmanship throughout the season

An opponent has nowhere to go as Warriors surround him from all sides.

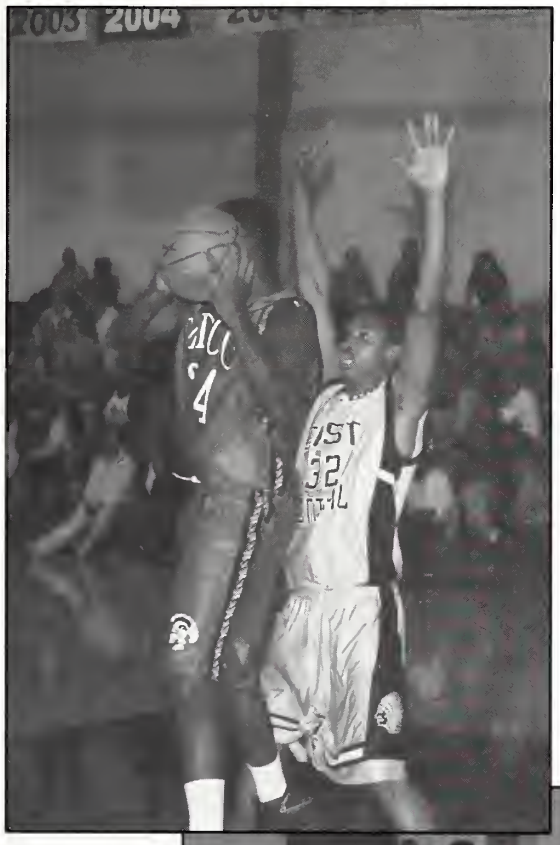


Head Coach Billy Smith offers some direction from the off-court.



Flying high, Justin Harris delivers a breathtaking slam dunk.

hard work and HUSTLE



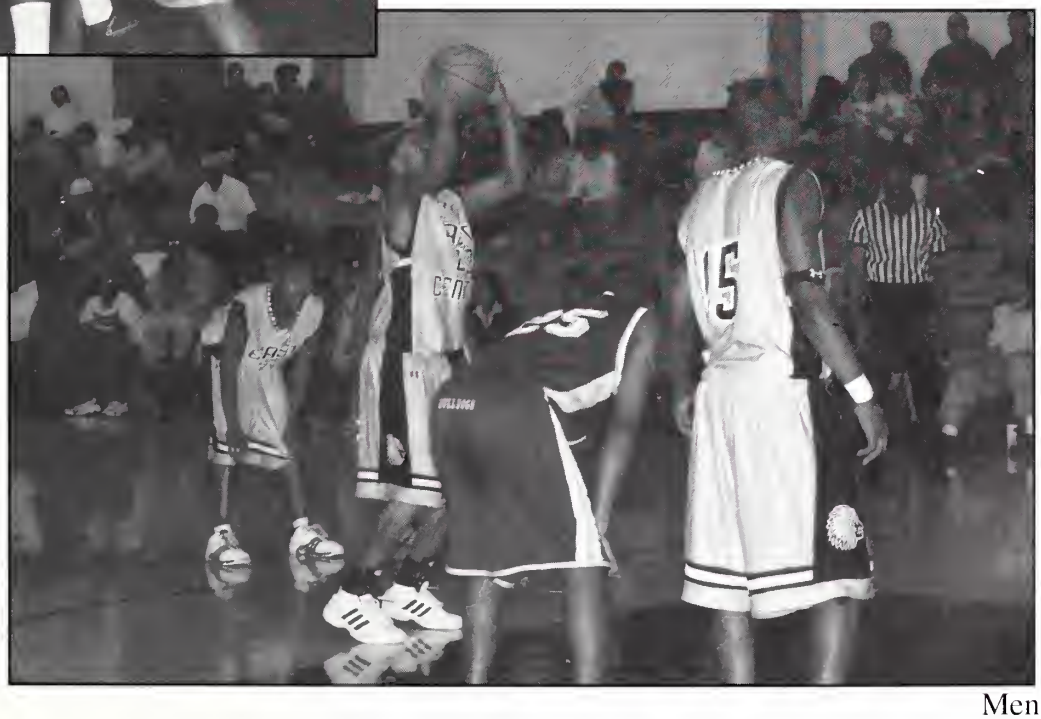
The 2005 season got off to a slow start for the East Central men's basketball team, and record-wise, the season was not a Warrior best. However, at first glance, the record is a bit deceiving. Several of the team's losses came down to eight points or less, including two hard-fought games that went into overtime.

Warrior Coach Billy Smith kept faith in his players throughout the season. He stated, "We were undersized, but our team unity kept us in the close ones and our fast pace wore some of the bigger teams out."

With key players injured, other team members stepped up to help lead the team. Bright points of the season included some big wins on the road and two wins against rival MCC. "A major highlight of the season was when we beat Meridian," said Coach Smith, who added that he was "proud of each and every player on the basketball team for their hard work and hustle."

~Jeremy Clark

Throwing his arms up wide, Coshune Bingham prepares to block any move his opponent may make.



Lining the ball up with the basket, Garrick Nichols readies himself for a foul shot.

Being pursued by several Hinds opponents, Garrick Nichols prepares to pass the ball to Chavlon Ellis.

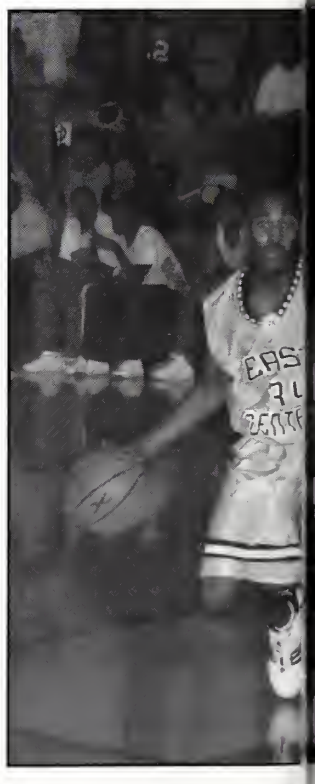
With a quick change of direction, Pierre Barlow moves to block a pass.

Warrior Basketball

2004 - 2005

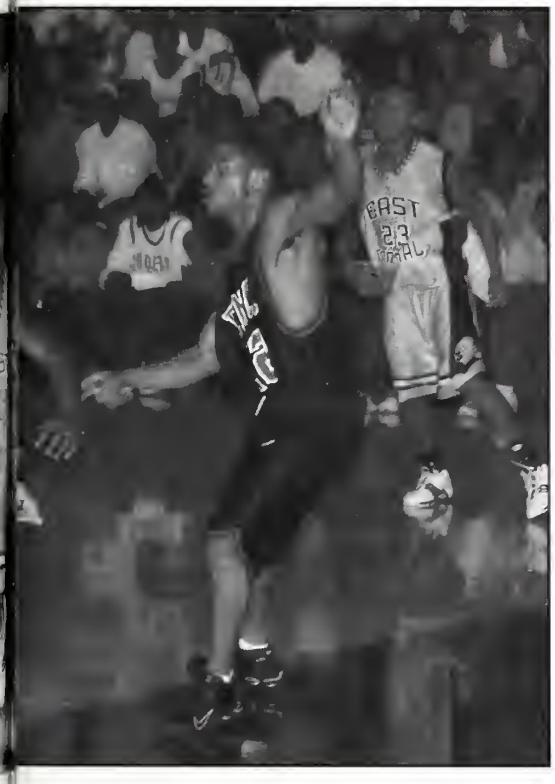
HOME		VISITOR	
85	Bevill State (Alabama)	95	
95	Holmes CC	98	OT
76	Itawamba CC	97	
80	Bevill State (Alabama)	92	
84	Holmes CC	108	
88	East MIssissippi CC	87	
75	Northeast Mississippi CC	64	
60	Mississippi Delta CC	79	
83	East Mississippi CC	100	
86	Northeast Mississippi CC	76	
70	Itawamba CC	73	
73	Copiah-Lincoln CC	76	
79	Mississippi Gulf Coast CC	84	
90	Jones County JC	80	
76	Hinds CC	90	
55	Southwest Mississippi CC	56	
90	Meridian CC	87	
71	Pearl River CC	90	
70	Copiah-Lincoln CC	79	
95	Mississippi Gulf Coast CC	99	OT
73	Jones County JC	92	
73	Hinds CC	70	
62	Southwest Mississippi CC	72	
93	Meridian CC	79	
64	Pearl River CC	77	

Mindful of opponents, Andrew Lewis dribbles down the court.



2004 - 2005 Warriors

Row 1: Student assistant Handel Hughes, Forest; Jerry Luckett, South Leake; Andrew Lewis, Morton; Garrick Nichols,Thomastown; Pierre Barlow, Scott Central; Ricardo Alcantar, Newton County; Tawon Walker, Neshoba Central; Terrance McNichols, Gautier; and student assistant Chase Slaughter , Newton County. **Row 2:** Assistant coach Kevin McGhee; Andre Coleman, Louisville; Jacquas Jones, Forest; Chavlon Ellis, South Leake; Justin Harris, Southside (Atlanta, Ga.); Ryan Hudson, Louisville; Derrick Harris, Los Angeles, California; Coshune Bingham, Newton; Ryan Rodgers, Tri Cities (Atlanta, Ga.); Anthony Simonds, Noxubee County; and head coach Billy Smith.



The Rest of the Story . . .

- Though ending the season 10-14 overall, the Warriors played many close games and had some big wins on the road.
- Jamaal Martin was named Best Offensive Player, Stephen Dyess was named Best Defensive Player, and Dewayne Hughes was named Most Valuable Player.
- Tawon Walker was named Most Improved and Ryan Hudson was named Newcomer of the Year.

. . . on the 2003 - 2004 season

playing with PASSION

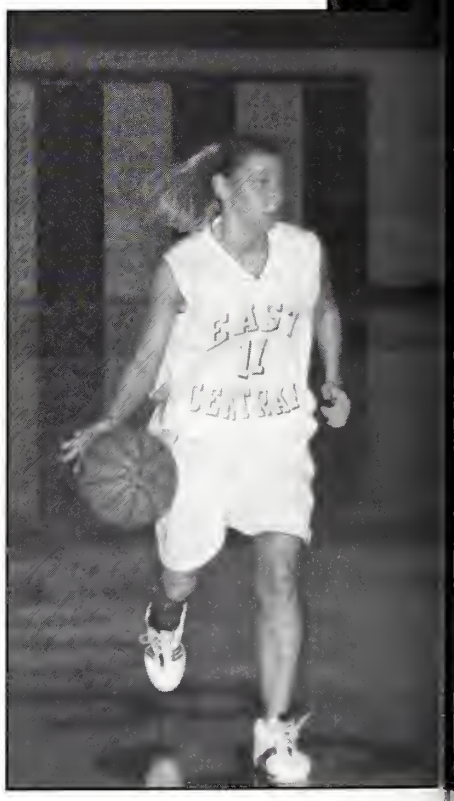
"Passionate" is a word Coach Brad Hodge used to describe the 2004-2005 Lady Warriors. Joined by new assistant Zareth Gray, a former standout at Michigan State University who also played professionally in Europe, the team began the season with the clear goal to continue the winning tradition and hopefully return to the NJCAA Tournament.

At the beginning of the season, Coach Hodge predicted that the league would be stronger this year and competition would be stiffer. He also predicted that with last year's team success backing them, the team would go far. Both predictions proved true. Top returning players from last season helped push the Lady Warriors on toward success. The Lady Warriors faced tough opponents and still finished out the season with an 18-8 record, accomplishing their goal of continuing EC's winning ways. However, they fell one game short of their desire to return to the NJCAA Tournament, losing a close three-point game in the Region 23 Tournament.

The Lady Warriors played a tough, entertaining style of basketball this season. They most definitely showed their "passion" for the game.

~Maria Gusman

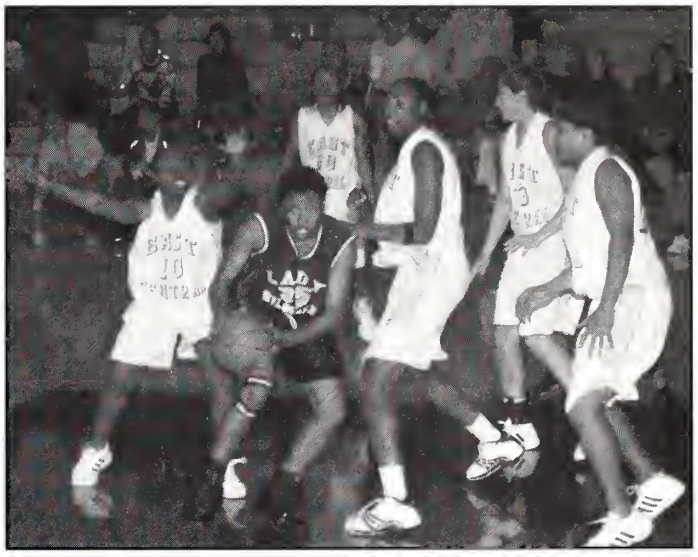
Giving her opponent a quick look, Kristin Chaney attempts to dribble her way to the basket.



To snatch the ball out of an East Mississippi opponent's hand's, Tierra Young and Ashley Flint team up.

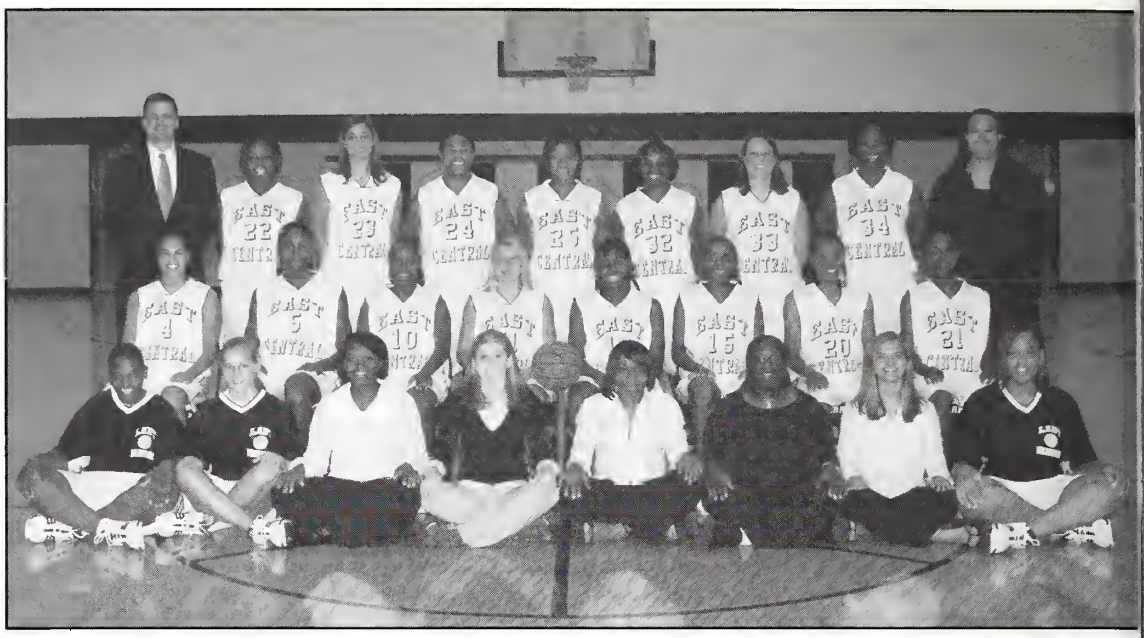
Stretching toward the goal, LaSaundra Harrison flies high above the others.

Completely surrounded, an opponent's team-member doesn't know where to turn when faced with all five Warrior players.



Head Coach Brad Hodge gives some advice to seated team members.

2004 - 2005 Lady Warriors



Row 1: Aja Loveless, Newton; Emily Massey, East Rankin Academy; student assistants Lakeisha Bobbitt, Scott Central; Ashley Clark, Starkville Academy; Kasenda Overstreet, South Leake; Monica Carter, Noxapater; Jaimee Jones, Nanih Waiya; and Krystle Hunter, Noxapater. **Row 2:** Ashley Flint, Choctaw Central; Shannon Lloyd, West Lauderdale; LaSaundra Harrison, Union; Kristin Chaney, Newton County; Heather Steele, Nanih Waiya; Roxana Rogers, Lake; Kim Cox, Lake; and Tierra Young, South Leake. **Row 3:** Head coach Brad Hodge; Dominetrix Hunter, Philadelphia; Sara Judice, Teurlings Catholic (Lafayette, La.); Kotreece Bender, Newton; India Backstrom, Neshoba Central; Erica Hardin, Louisville; Lauren White, Union; April Viverette, Lake; and assistant coach Zareth Gray.

Warrior Basketball

2004 - 2005

HOME		VISITOR	
80	Bevill State (Alabama)	66	
61	Holmes CC	59	
57	Itawamba CC	58	
65	Bevill State (Alabama)	59	
69	Holmes CC	60	(OT)
82	East MIssissippi CC	58	
65	Northeast Mississippi CC	77	
74	Mississippi Delta CC	63	
65	East Mississippi CC	72	
76	Northeast Mississippi CC	59	
71	Itawamba CC	56	
61	Copiah-Lincoln CC	66	
66	Mississippi Gulf Coast CC	71	
67	Jones County JC	87	
84	Hinds CC	47	
77	Southwest MIssissippi CC	58	
85	Meridian CC	67	
64	Pearl River CC	51	
61	Copiah-Lincoln CC	55	
65	Mississippi Gulf Coast CC	56	
63	Jones County JC	71	
73	Hinds CC	44	
58	Southwest Mississippi CC	55	
99	Meridian CC	88	(2OT)
55	Pearl River CC	56	

Protecting the ball from the Southwest CC defender, Tierra Young looks for an open teammate.

Players listen intently as coach Brad Hodge gives valuable instruction during a time-out.

Outjumping her opponent, Shannon Lloyd grabs the rebound.

The Mississippi Delta CC player struggles to pass the ball over the outstretched arm of her close defender, Kim Cox.

The Rest of the Story . . .

- The team finished the year with a 31-4 record and were nationally ranked eighth in the final NJCAA poll.
- The Lady Warriors won the South Division, MACJC, and Region 23 titles and were consolation bracket runners-up in the national championship tournament.
- Players honored at the season's end were Hope Murray, India Backstrom, Rita Birden, Kimyatta Viverette, Britney Burks, Kristin Chaney, and Lenore Gray.

. . . on the 2003 - 2004 season

boundless SPIRIT

It's the players who have all the hard work during a season, right?

WRONG! Cheerleaders have to work hard, be innovative, and, most of all, maintain boundless energy as they fulfill their role as the encouragers of a school's teams.

The work for the 2004-2005 East Central cheerleaders began long before school started with a summer filled with twice-a-week practices. Aptly led by captain Brandi Durant and advisor Katie Sparkman, their hard work paid off at cheerleading camp at the University of Alabama, where EC's squad was named an all superior squad.

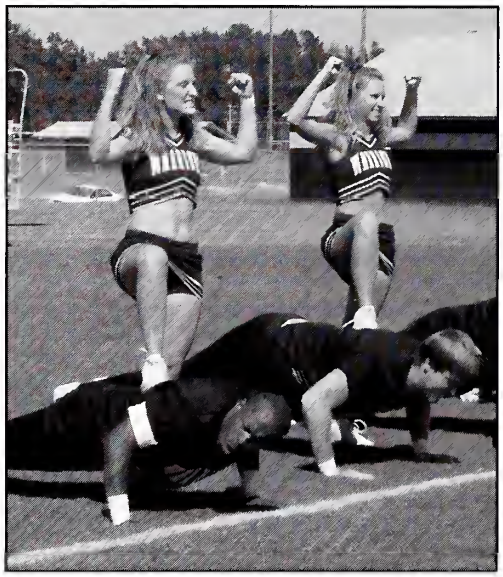
Back on campus, the cheerleaders held pep rallies, each one filled with a variety of innovative activites to fire-up the student body. They cheered faithfully at basketball and football games, keeping smiles on their faces and encouraging the teams in both good times and bad.

So the next time you think of the athletes and all their hard work during a season, don't forget the cheerleaders. With seemingly unending spirit, they filled their roles well in 2004-2005.

~ Anna Waltman

Erin Yelverton leads the pep rally crowd from the top of the appropriately named "stomach pyramid."

Brandi Durant and Kristin Bufkin make sure that Todd Body and Jacob Lowery have a tough time of it as they do push-ups after an EC score against Southwest CC.



Matt Brown

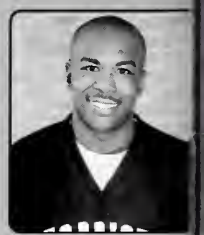
Kristin Bufkin

Kyle Jones

Brandi Durant

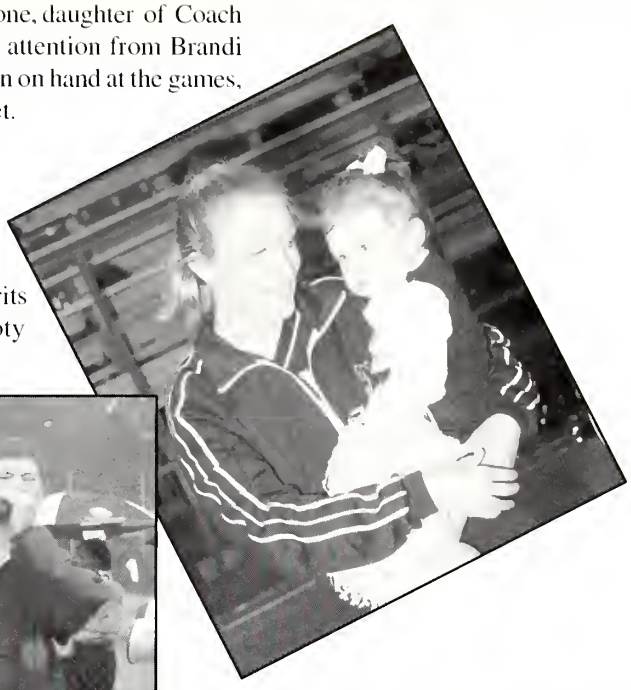
Jacob Lowery

Courtney Hollingsworth



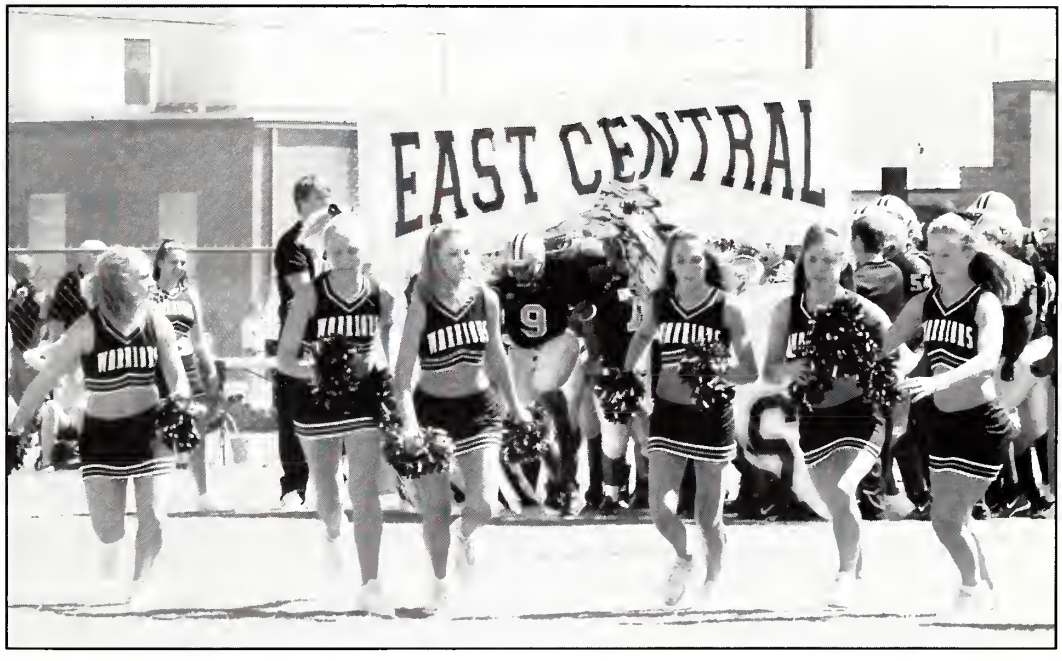
Todd Body

Little Warrior Cameron Boone, daughter of Coach Chris Boone, enjoys some attention from Brandi Durant. Cameron was often on hand at the games, charming everyone she met.



A little rain doesn't dampen the spirits of Courtney Hollingsworth and Coty Stokes.

The cheerleaders lead the team onto the playing field for their showdown with rival EMCC. The traditional run through the "break through" made by the cheerleaders fired players up, giving them momentum going into the game.



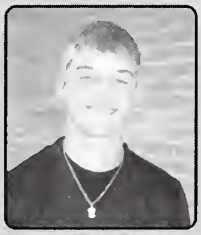
Erin Yelverton

Coty Stokes

Marlo Hollingsworth

Casey Nelson

Megan Jones



Stephen Parker

Carl Spence
Warrior Mascot

springtime

ACTION

As winter draws to a close, students at ECCC look forward to spring. It's a time for shedding coats, for rolling down windows, and time for springtime sports to begin in earnest. It's also a time when all yearbook deadlines are up. Because of this, the yearbook staff can't cover the entire season for any of the spring sports. No year would be complete without them, however, and to pay tribute to these sports as best as possible, the yearbook staff has compiled a collection of photos in the pages that follow. The action photos are from spring 2004 and depict both current and former players giving their all. The team photos feature the 2005 Warriors with a preview of the season's expectations. Each photo, no matter when taken, is a reminder of the enjoyment to be found when attending a game of one of the spring sports.

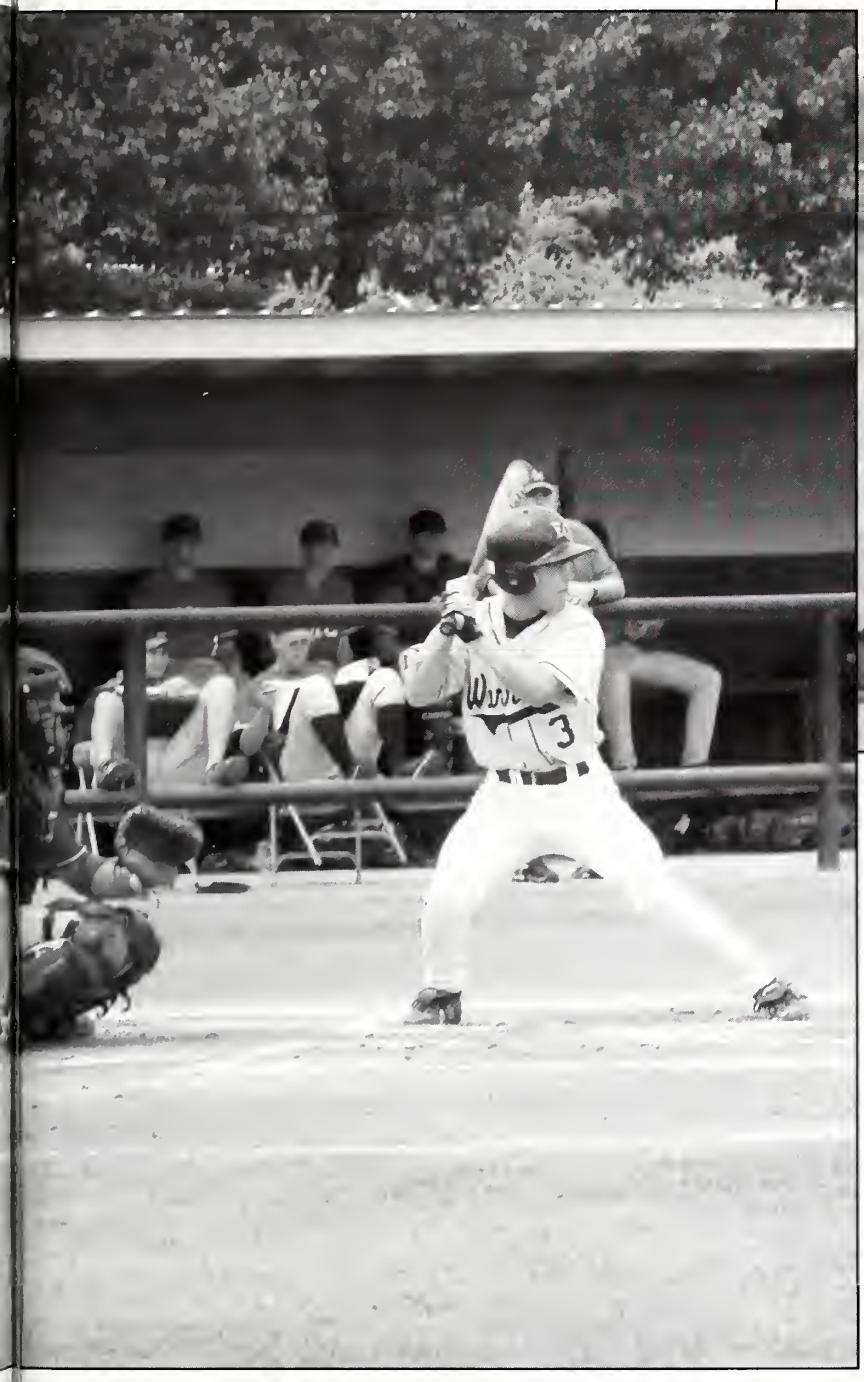
~ Even Snell

As she begins to make a run for first base, Marley Smith watches with everyone else to see where the ball will go.

With a look of intense concentration, Brian McNeill grips the bat and awaits the next pitch.

As the opponent prepares to steal a base, Bryan Bennett prepares to stop him.

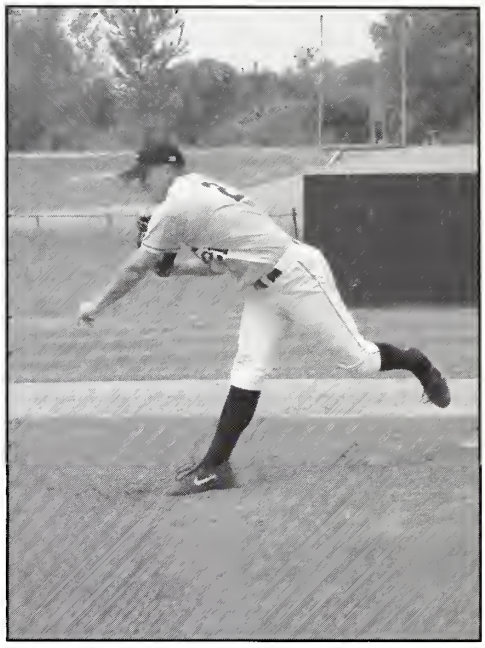
Third baseman Kotreeee Bender and first baseman Alana Moore prepare to defend the field as Marley Smith delivers a heartstopping pitch.



Leaning way back, Roberto Orellana puts his whole body into his serve.

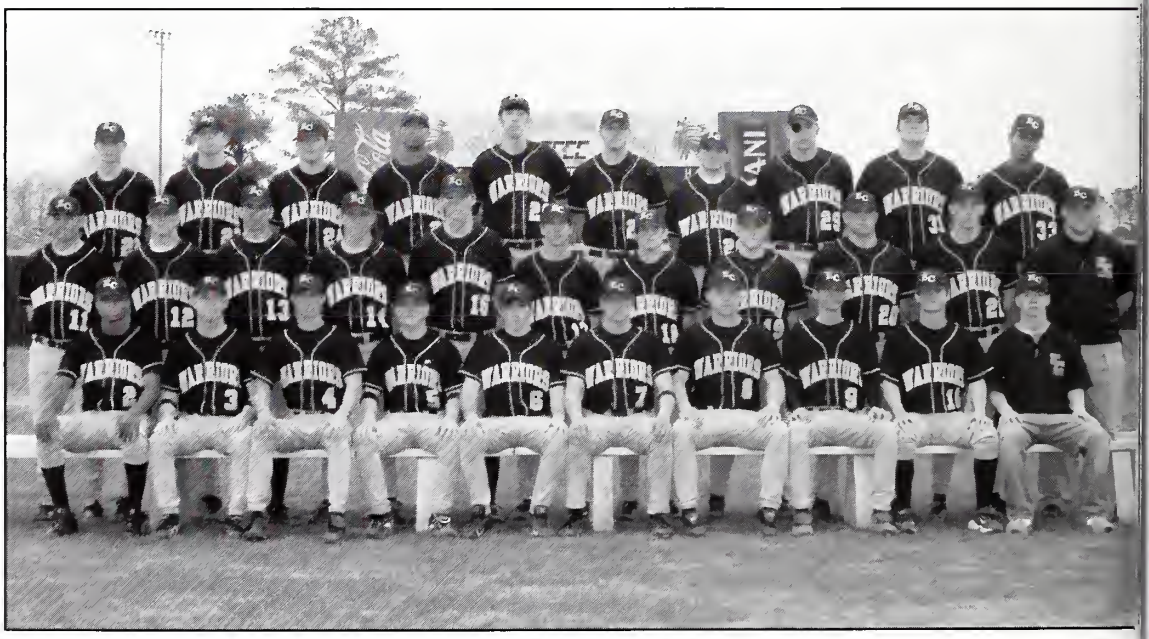
Baseball 2004

- The 2004 team, hampered by injuries to key players, finished the season 12-29.
- Freshman pitcher John Fortenberry lost an eye after being struck by a hard-liner during scrimmage, suffering what many thought to be a career-ending injury. However, Fortenberry returned to the mound for the 2005 season.
- Award winners included: Jim Talley and Drew Kenna, team captains; Corey Coward, team MVP; Jacob Townsend, offensive MVP; and Robby Carey, defensive MVP.
- Jacob Townsend was named All-Region 23 and first team All-State. Corey Coward, Jim Talley, Marcus Davis, and Dexter Sellers were named second team All-State.



Taking the mound for the Warriors against rival EMCC, sophomore pitcher Hunter Johnson delivers a hard fastball.

Warrior Baseball 2005



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Softball 2004

- Lady Warriors finished the season 26-14; 11-5 in Central division action.
- The team was the Central division runner-up and qualified for the MACJC/Region 23 Tournament.
- Award winners included: Krissi Harris, team captain and recipient of the Lady Warrior Award; Kristin Chaney, team MVP; Jhaun Spranecht, offensive MVP; and Obreisha Davis and Marley Smith, defensive MVPs.
- Kristin Chaney was named All-Region 23, first team All-State and All-Division, and second team All-American, the only Mississippian to receive this honor in Division II.

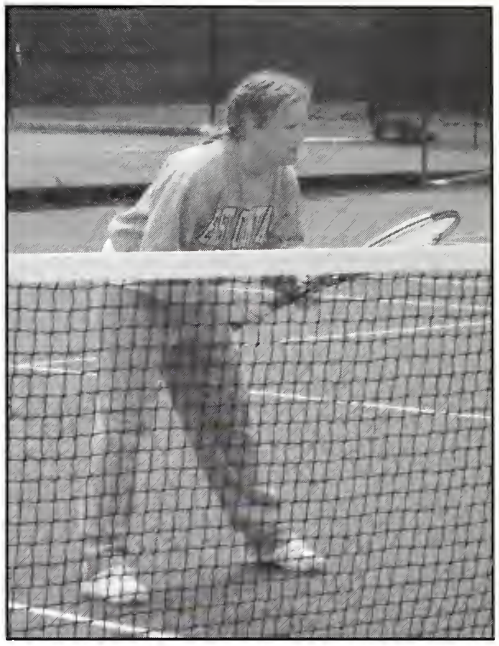
With her eyes following the well-hit ball, Kristin Chaney knows she has a potential homer.

Row 1: Dominique Mapp, Obreisha Davis, Suzanne Chaney and Kristin Chaney, all of Newton County High School; Abby Miller, Madison Central High School; and Lindsay Walker, Union. **Row 2:** Manager Justin Copeland, Neshoba Central; Erica Hardin, Louisville; Jennifer Smith, Newton County; April Boyd, Adams Christian School in Natchez;Shelly Ferguson, Newton County; Chelsea Wade, Polk County High School in Benton, Tenn.; and manager Josh Cumberland, Neshoba Central. **Row 3:** Manager Ben Melton, Leake Academy; Kotreece Bender, Newton; Lindsey Smith and Allison McDaniel, both of Neshoba Central; Marley Smith and Lauren White, both of Union; Joy Cavenaugh, Newton County; and head coach Scott Hill.

Warrior Softball 2005

Tennis 2004

- Award winners for the women's team included Kery McDill, Lady Warrior Award, and Valerie Gibbs, Most Improved.
- Award winners for the men's team were Brandon Walker, Warrior Award, and Alan Taylor, Most Improved.



With intensity on her face, Ronda Stroud is ready at the net for the point to begin.

Warrior Tennis 2005

Jeremy Clark, Louisville; and David Dennis, Collierville, Tennessee **Not pictured:** Kyle Gordon, Morton; Jeremiah Gillete, Louisville; and Zac Richardson (Louisville).

Row 1: Valerie Gibbs, Newton; Anna Price, Louisville; and Ronda Stroud, Louisville. **Row 2:** Amanda McMillan, Newton; Clancy Cleveland, Union; Shonda Blaylock, Newton; and Jess Davis, Louisville.

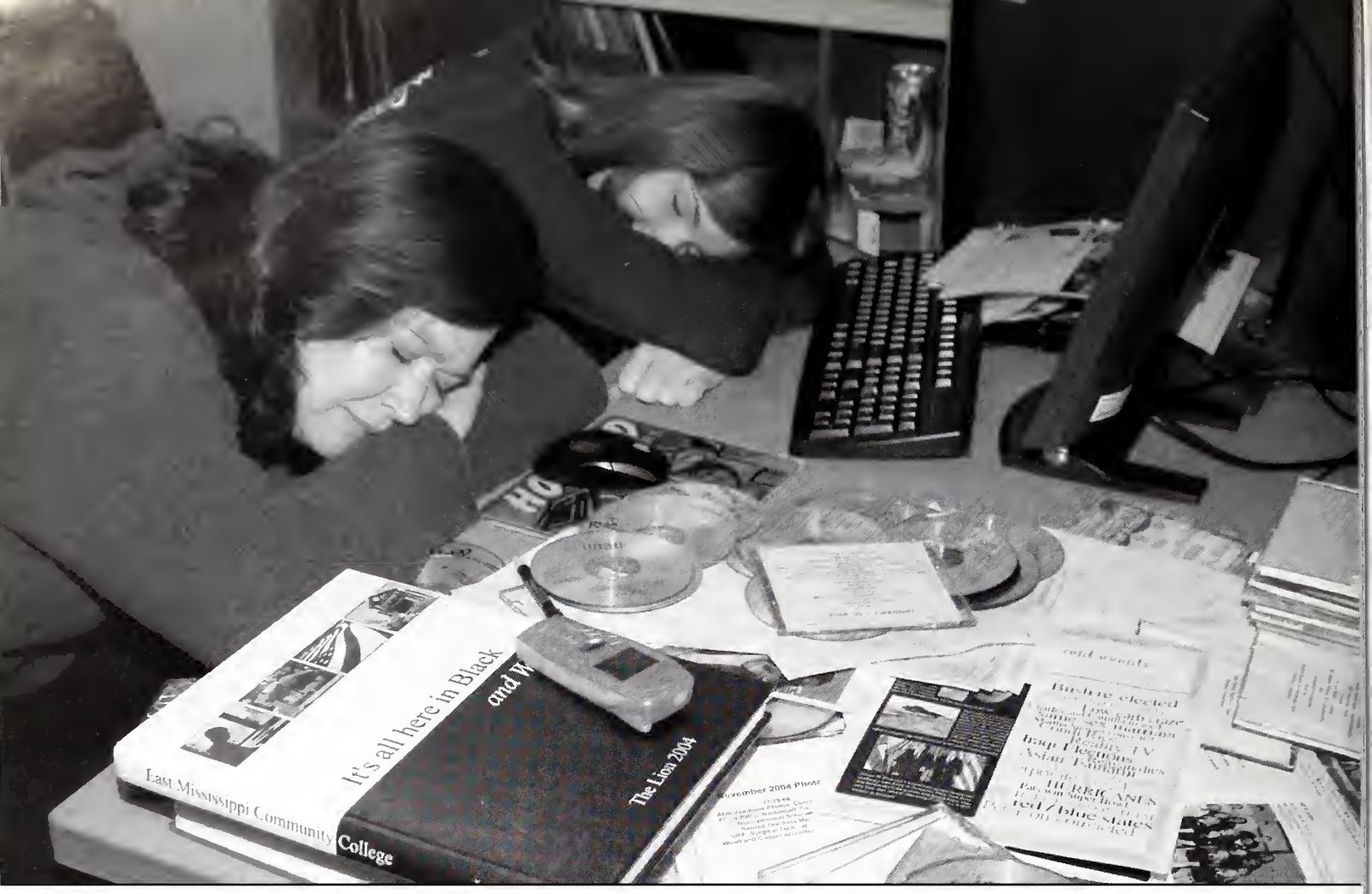
Golf 2004

- The team placed second in Division III competition during the MACJC/Region 23 Championship Golf Tournament, posting a two-day total of 661.
- Philip Dickerson was named the team MVP.
- Phillip Dickerson was also named to the All-Region 23 Division III team, which qualified him to compete for the second stragith year in the NJCAA Division III Golf Tournament in New York.

Sophomore golfer Jim Dilley keeps his eye on the ball as he hits a short chip shot.

Warrior Golf 2005

John Bergin, Forest; Arick Ellis, Forest, and Caleb Shepard, Carthage. **Not pictured:** Brandon Ezell, Decatur; and Jason Long, Carthage.



2005

Wo-He-Lo

Work

This year, so much work has gone into making the yearbook. We have spent long hours learning the new software and designing pages that the Warriors can take pride in.

Heart

We have truly put our hearts into this edition of the Wo-He-Lo. We went the extra mile to include a caption for every photograph. Also, we quoted students and got their insight on issues.

Love

Even though making the yearbook was a lot of hard work, we loved every minute of it!

Being involved in the creation of the 2005 Wo He Lo has been the highlight of my first year at East Central. The work has been fun, but more than that, I have been able to work with some excellent people.

I had a strong desire to produce a copy driven yearbook, so my first task was to enlist the aid of good writers. I discovered three young ladies with a nice way with words: Flame Reese, Maria Gusman, and Even Snell. All three have interesting articles throughout this book. I must say a special "thank you" to Even Snell, our head writer. Even quickly stepped forward as one willing to work at anything that needed to be done. She helped with proofing and layout, and she developed a real knack for writing captions.

Though some staffers helped more than others, each one played an important role in the production of this book. I think Meghan Mould's "Welcome Back Week" and "Haunted House of Hoops" pages are some of the best in the book, and Ardria Harris really came through with her academic spreads. Both of these students spent their share of time tracking down picture identifications as well. Shannon Brock came into the year already familiar with the software, and that was a definite plus. She designed several spreads, including the division pages, and she was invaluable in the creation of the index.

The help of Bubby Johnston, Maria McLeod, and Karen Yates in the Office of Public Information was also invaluable. They are responsible for the pictures in this book, and they were always ready to help whenever we needed them.

However, the person most instrumental in the creation of the 2005 Wo He Lo was Anna Waltman. She picked up on the new philosophy and the new software immediately, and she put her whole heart into making this yearbook a good one. She has a great flare for layout design, and she proved to be a creative writer, too. Anna did an especially nice job on our color pages. If you find any spread particularly innovative and eye-catching, you can bet Anna designed it.

We did our best to show you what life was like at East Central through a Warrior's eyes. We hope that you enjoy this volume of the Wo-He-Lo.

- Paige Case

Wo-He-Lo. It's an old Indian name, right? Wrong! I have served as editor of the Wo-He-Lo for two years, and I admit that did not find out until recently that the name is actually short for "Work, Heart, and Love." I find this name very appropriate for every edition of the yearbook, especially this one. This year, the Wo-He-Lo is noticibly different. Instead of laying out the pages by hand, we were able to use the computer to design every spread. All of the photographs are digital, and the overall quality of the book has increased.

I made every effort to make this edition of the yearbook the best yet. It has been a pleasure for me to have the opportunity to help preserve the year. However, I definitely did not do this alone. The other staff members deserve recognition for their work on this book, and I enjoyed getting to know each of them. It was especially nice to work with Even Snell. She's a good choice to be next year's editor, and I wish her the best. And although she will not take much credit, the yearbook is so great this year because of our advisor, Mrs. Paige Case.

We, as Warriors, saw so much take place this year. Unfortunately, the yearbook cannot cover every event, but it is my sincere hope that by turning through the pages of this edition of the Wo He Lo, we will all be able to look back and see ourselves as we really were in our years at East Central.

- Anna Waltman

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